

## Jackpot Heifer Competition

Class of 2002		Placing 02	Placing 03	Total points
Lav elaine Farms	CLHA 11M	1	1	16
Jan-Star Farms	JAN 11M	2	2	14
Maple Valley Farms	MVF 51M	3	4	11
Hilltop Orchard	HOF 16M	4	6	8
High Point Blondes	CHA 35M	5		4
Jan-Star Farms	JAN 18M	6	5	7
Heartwood Farms	MAU 1M	7		2
Butternut Blondes	BKR 09M	8	3	7

Class of 2003				Total points
Lav elaine Farms	NLF 17N		1	10
Lav elaine Farms	LEM 4N		2	9
Lav elaine Farms	LEM 01N		3	8
Maple Valley	MVF 01N		4	7
John Plas	NLF 12N		5	6
Holburn Farms	NLF 4N		6	5
Hilltop Orchard	HOF 2N	7		4
Franmar Farms	FAR 2N		8	3
Hilltop Orchard	HOF 21N		9	2
High Point Blondes	CHA 37N		10	1

## Heartwood Farms

**-Quality performance evaluated genetics for sale**

**-Good selection of bulls and females**

**-Several exceptional 2 yr old bulls**

**-Affordably priced and ready to work**

**Matt, Mary and Alex Unger**

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## ONTARIO BLONDE D'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION

**Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, February 14, 2004  
Rock Haven Motel & Convention Centre  
Peterborough, Ontario**

### Agenda

1. 1:00 p.m. Call to Order
2. 1:10 p.m. Roll Call of Members
3. 1:20 p.m. Appointment of Scrutineers and Sergeant at Arms
4. 1:30 p.m. Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting
5. 1:50 p.m. Unfinished Business
6. 2:00 p.m. Financial Statements
7. 2:20 p.m. Correspondence
8. 2:30 p.m. Reports
  - 8.1 President
  - 8.2 Promotions
  - 8.3 Performance
  - 8.4 Communications
  - 8.5 Youth
  - 8.6 Merchandise
  - 8.7 Cream of the Crop Sale
  - 8.8 Point shows and The Royal
  - 8.9 Advertising
9. 3:00 p.m. Speakers
10. 4:00 p.m. Presentation - President's Cup
11. 4:10 p.m. Awards Presentation
12. 4:20 p.m. New Business
13. 4:50 p.m. Elections of the Board
  - 13.1 President
  - 13.2 Directors (3)
14. 5:00 p.m. Adjournment

**Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, February 08, 2003  
Best Western Otonabee Inn, Peterborough, Ontario**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The President (Sheryl) called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Sheryl named all the members that held voting privileges and the number of proxies carried by each member.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS AND SERGEANT AT ARMS**

Sheila McNeven and Cindy Leahy were appointed as scrutineers. Floyd Blackburn was appointed Sergeant at Arms.

**4. MINUTES OF THE 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sheryl read the minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting. The following errors or omissions were noted:

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| 8.3  | Performance  | Matt Unger had given an oral report.             |
| 9.0  | President's Cup  | The winner was Hanover HSF 6K and not Heartwood. |
| 12.0 | New Business   |  |
| 12.1 | Amendments to the Constitution   |  |
| 6    | The following words should be added after Three, <i>directors shall be elected or appointed each year.</i> |  |

It was moved by Laverne McGee (Laverne) and seconded by John Robinson (John) that the minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting be accepted as amended. Carried.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5.1 Youth - Competitive Edge Tape - The Board is in the process of obtaining the address from Matt where these tapes can be obtained so that a letter may be written inquiring into costs and availability.
- 5.2 Merchandise - Doug McVittie has been extremely busy this past year with his daughters and their riding. He has promised to provide the name of the supplier to us shortly.
- 5.3 Point Shows - Rules for Competition were included in the 2003 Annual General Meeting package and were to be printed in the newsletter.
- 5.4 Notice of Motion re fees - The Notice of Motion was presented at the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Annual General Meeting by Sheryl. Also the Man-Sask Association has requested a copy of the motion. A petition was circulated in favour of this motion at the Bull Test Sale with the information faxed to the AGM which Sheryl also presented. The Board looked upon the request favorably and the new rates were in effect as of July 01, 2002.
- 5.5 Special Class at The Royal - The Jackpot Heifer Class at the Royal was a great success with 10 animals participating. The rules were also included in the 2003 AGM package and were to be printed in the newsletter.

**6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Auditors' Report for the year ended December 31, 2001 was read.

2001 Financial Reviewer's Report

On this date, February 8, 2003, we should be presenting the "Financial Review" of the 2002 "Financial Statements". Every organization that we have been a part of has always presented "a Financial Review of it's books" the same year in which the "Financial Statements" are being presented. However, due to the Board's unwillingness to cooperate, communicate and forward requested material in a timely fashion, we are presenting a "review" of the "2001 Financial Statement."

As elected and appointed Examiner's of the OBdA's books, accounts and records, we feel that the Board has been very careless in their handling of these records. In addition, the Board prolonged providing the necessary documentation to preform the "review" for 10 months, which is extremely unprofessional in our opinion!

**ONTARIO BLONDE D'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION  
2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROXY**

Proxy eligibility: All members in good standing are entitled to vote at the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association's Annual General Meeting. If you are unable to attend you may request another member in good standing to represent you and your vote. Each member is entitled to carry three (3) proxy votes. (Maximum 4 votes)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, AM UNABLE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO BLONDE D'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY  
14, 2004 AND HEREBY DESIGNATE

\_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ (ADDRESS)  
TO REPRESENT ME AT THIS MEETING.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

# Lavelaine Farms

TOP QUALITY POLLED GENETICS

Halter Broke Yearling Bulls Available off of:

- Willow Creek Commander 26C
- West Winds Herdsman 32H
  - Greenbrae's Howie
- Roseneath Jethro WRB 2J
  - Natur's Topper 011C

as well as two other yearling bulls off of Lavelaine's Mr. Farley 45F  
– the easiest calving bull we have ever used.

**Laverne & Elaine McGee**

**702 County Road 35, RR # 1 Campbellford ON K0L 1L0**

**(705) 653-3160**

Your Board responded to overtures made by the American Blonde Association to have their registrations completed via the Canadian Association. The Canadian Board received no response to their last letter and therefore the issue is being dropped.

Three major shows saw "Our Blondes" this past year - The Calgary Stampede, The Royal winter Fair, and Expo Beef in Victoriaville. It is unfortunate that several of the major shows - Edmonton Farm Fair, Agribition, Saskatoon and Brandon did not have Blondes showing or on display. All I can say to this is - hopefully 2003 will see a resurgence in this facet of our advertising. It is hoped that the National show to be held in Olds in August will be supported.

The "Ultimate Bull contest" is up and running with bulls being entered from the Ontario Stations. Bull tests at Cattleland in Alberta and Douglas in Manitoba has a sufficient number of bulls in the pens but not enough bulls nominated to participate.

The third issue of "Blonde Connection" is in the production stage now. This is an initiative we need to ensure we maintain our presence in the market place. A major exporter made the comment "For any Breed to be a viable participant in the world wide export market place it must have a Breed Magazine!" Your Canadian Board of Directors made the decision to run an updated Breeder Directory within the magazine in this current year.

The Canadian Board met in Calgary the end of January to discuss initiatives for 2003 and to set the Budget for 2003. Your Canadian Board has again been placed in the position of approving a deficit budget - two Directors have undertaken to investigate ways and means of encouraging the membership to become active participants in the breed.

May you have an excellent calving season, a good spring and sufficient moisture to see a good hay crop!

Myrna Flesch  
Feb. 06/03

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

Dave announced that with Clark Dickinson's passing, the Highland Cottage herd would be dispersed.

It was moved by Don Campbell (Don) and seconded by Dave that the following be added as By-Law 11:

At the first meeting of the new Board of Directors, the retiring Board members shall be present. These members shall have all documentation relating to the respective positions held by them in good order to be turned over to the new Board members. Good documentation shall include signature documents for all bank accounts, financial documentation current, all business contact names and phone numbers, written instructions relating to procedures of the Association and filing requirements, and other important information required to ensure a smooth and even turn over of authority. Carried.

## 13. ELECTIONS OF THE BOARD

13.1 President Nominations for President were opened. Matt nominated Sheryl. Dave was nominated by Matt. Nominations were closed. Dave declined; Sheryl accepted.

13.2 Directors Nominations for Directors were opened. A discussion occurred regarding who was eligible to be nominated to the Board. The Constitution was read regarding nominations stating only members in good standing. There can only be one person for each active membership.

Murphy was nominated by Dave                      Mike Henry (Mike) was nominated by Murray  
Sheila was nominated by Matt                      Murray was nominated by Matt

Darren was nominated by John

Nominations for Directors were closed. Darren accepted; Murray declined; Sheila accepted; Mike declined; Murphy accepted.

13.3 Auditors It was moved by John and seconded by Laverne that Murray and Don be appointed auditors for the years ended December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2003 with Mike as the alternate. Carried.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

At the 2000 Annual General Meeting, the membership **unanimously** passed the following By-Law:

*"The books, accounts and records of the secretary/treasurer shall be examined at least once a year by two members of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association, appointed by members at the Annual General Meeting."*

At the 2001 Annual General Meeting, Bryan Durst and Rheo Machina were appointed "examiners of the books, accounts and records of this Association". Rheo requested the material to "examine the 2001 books" in January 2002. At that time, the President mentioned, "the books are not done and they will be submitted to the AGM as a Draft Copy". At the 2002 AGM in February, the "Financial Statements" were presented as a complete entity from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001. During the meeting, Rheo asked the President, "if the "examiner's" were going to get an opportunity to "examine" the books"? She replied, "the one "examiner" has stepped down and when another member is found to take his place the books will be handed over!"

On May 2, 2002 Rheo submitted a letter to the Board that included Paul Diebel's name who would volunteer to help perform the duty of a "Financial Reviewer". After the Board's early June meeting, the President contacted Rheo notifying him that Paul was approved by the Board as a "Financial Reviewer" and the books could be sent. Between June and July, Rheo sent numerous different email messages to the President and other Board members requesting the "books, accounts and records" relating to the "Financial Statements of 2001".

Finally, on August 1, Rheo received a package from the President that contained photocopies of the material used to generate the "2001 Financial Statements - year ending December 31, 2001". After briefly reviewing the material, Rheo noticed that the December bank statement, December cancelled cheques and invoices relating to the December cheques were not included! The President phoned that evening inquiring "whether Rheo received the books"? Rheo mentioned, he "did not see the December bank statement, December cancelled cheques and invoices relating to the December cheques". The President replied, "I do not have them."

On October 9, 2002 a fax was received from the Treasurer. It contained information relating to the December bank statement. However, it did not contain information relating to an "Accounts Payable" item named "Royal Winter Fair trucking". This item was not mentioned in the Board minutes.

Although we are not professional "Auditor's", we did find the books to be accurate (other than **no** cheque reference to "Royal Winter Fair trucking") as of December 31, 2001. We would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1) provide the **complete** documentation required to perform a "Financial Review" **at least once a year** as per the By-Laws,
- 2) **communicate** with the "Financial Reviewer's",
- 3) have the General Ledger and Bank Statements **together** at all times, and
- 4) prepare a detailed **draft** of a Financial Report including Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and Bank funds available, for each Board meeting.

We were appointed to assure the membership of the authenticity of the Association's "Financial Statements". We hope that the **recommendations** set forward within this report will be exercised so that we can preform the 2002 "Financial Review" within a month following this AGM.

Respectfully,

Paul Diebel  
Rheo Machina  
"Financial Reviewer's of the 2001 books, accounts and records"  
of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

Eldred King (Eldred) moved this correspondence be received at this Annual General Meeting and appointment of auditors be tabled to after the elections. Seconded by Matt Unger (Matt). Carried

The Treasurer (Darren) presented the financial statements for December 31, 2002 as follows:

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		
Assets		
Current assets	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Cash	\$19,218	\$17,246
Accounts receivable	1,350	3,298
Inventory	500	500
	<u>\$21,068</u>	<u>\$21,044</u>
Liabilities and Equities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	<u>\$1,105</u>	<u>\$2,234</u>
Equities		
Members' equity	19,963	18,810
	<u>\$21,068</u>	<u>\$21,044</u>
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>		
Revenue		
Memberships & registrations	\$3,135	\$4,279
Members' auctions	2,556	1,775
Raffle	5,070	6,161
Heifers	-	2,535
Show sponsorships	1,350	2,650
Newsletter	-	122
Annual General Meeting - meals	654	974
Miscellaneous	177	744
	<u>12,942</u>	<u>19,240</u>
Expenses		
Advertising	3,184	3,783
Annual General Meeting	1,405	1,742
Bank charges	146	261
Insurance	432	378
Junior members and 4-H	1,205	1,195
Miscellaneous	618	502
Newsletter & postage	653	634
Raffle	2,477	2,794
Shows	1,413	2,699
Travel	-	150
Web-site	256	370
	<u>11,789</u>	<u>14,508</u>
Net profit	1,153	<u>\$4,732</u>
Opening Equity	<u>18,810</u>	
Closing Equity	<u>\$19,963</u>	

It was moved by Darren and seconded by David McNevan (David) that the Auditors' Report for the year ended December 31, 2001 and the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002 be accepted. Carried.

#### 8.7 Cream of the Crop Sale

High selling Male: High Point Montana 14M, a January 2002 calf, consigned by High Point Blondes, Ray & Sharon Chambers, Bobcaygeon, ON, was purchased by Golden Mile Blondes, Murray and Marg McVety, Nestleton ON for \$2250.

High selling Female: Young Crest Heidi Ho with her bull calf consigned by Young Crest Cattle Farms, Shawn & Bonnie Young sold to Brandlee Farms, Brad Turpin, Stirling, ON for \$3900.

49 lots grossed \$82,700 for a \$1688 average.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cream of the Crop Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2003.

It was moved by Laverne and seconded by John that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

#### 8.8 Point Shows and The Royal

John gave a report on the shows and The Royal. There were good turn outs at Campbellford, Orono, Warkworth and Lindsay. There had been quite a bit of discussion about going to The Royal, but in the end everyone pulled together and we had a Royal Show.

It was moved by Laverne and seconded by Matt that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

#### 8.9 Advertising

Dave gave a report on Advertising stating that the Ontario Association advertised 4 times in the Ontario Beef Farmer. This past year we did co-op ads with the Canadian Association with each association picking up 50% of the cost. There was a positive response from the Fall ad which showed 4 good well-muscled calves. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Matt this report be accepted. Carried.

#### 9. PRESENTATION - PRESIDENT'S CUP

The winner of the President's Cup for 2003 was RHEO Ladies Man 19L. The bull's stats were BW of 0, WG of 28.2, YG of 48.7, BF of 2, SC of 33, Frame of 7.3, and Ribeye of 16.4. Congratulations to MBRHEO Blondes.

#### 10. AWARD'S PRESENTATION

John presented the award for Show Female YCC Lacie 4L to Laverne. Show Male Hilltop Orchard 3L was presented to Dave Allison.

The Premier Exhibitor Blonde Show Circuit awards were presented by John with First being presented to Hilltop Orchard Farms, Second to Donaleen Blondes/Franmar Farms, and Third to Dave Allison.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

#### 11. CANADIAN BLONDE D'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION

I am hopeful you have a good attendance at your meeting today and also that you have a good open, interchange of ideas.

The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association has undertaken an Advertising Program that sees a cooperative approach between parent organization and the provinces. It is the aim of this program to maximize the available dollars and increase the number of publications with Blonde ads. The focus of the advertising is aimed at the commercial cattleman and targets the "terminal sire approach" to marketing Blondes.

The Board reduced the fees for registration of animals, in response to requests from the Ontario and Man-Sask Association, in an effort to encourage registration of more animals. This fee change was effective July 01.02. The anticipated rise in registrations did not occur. We had, however, a larger number of animals transferred in the year 2002 as compared to 2001. It must be recognized by the Membership that registrations and transfers are the lifeblood of the organization and without that revenue source, there are no funds with which to accomplish the goals set forward by your Canadian Board. This seems to be forgotten in the scheme of things. I am, therefore, encouraging you to register your Blonde offspring. The overall cow herd, particularly in Western Canada, was depleted in 2002 and it will not be too long before the market place is looking to increase the cow herd base. Those who have managed to hang onto their heifers should be well placed to take advantage of that market.

**2002 winner - Rheo & Sharon Machina** for Rheo Ladies Man 18L who had a beef builder index of 4256

**2001 winner - Matthew Unger** for HSF6K Who had a beef builder index of 4599

It was moved by Murray and seconded by Dave the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

At this time Cindy from BIO gave a short talk to those present. She indicated that some breeds are using their summer picnics as a way to ultrasound their animals. People are bringing animals to the picnic and BIO is present to do the ultrasound. This way the cost is spread out and not that expensive for any one person. Also she indicated that "we don't know what we are producing". We require more information back from the packing plants and we should be lobbying to get this information. Cindy also answered several questions from those present.

#### 8.4 Communications

The following report was read from the AGM package:

All efforts are being made to have the newsletter published on a regular basis. We all agree that the Newsletter is one of the best way of communicating with all our members on what is happening. The format changed a little in the last newsletter, and it is trusted that format worked well for everyone.

With Matt Unger's help, we now have a mailing list of a little more than 225 individuals.

Communications have been going on with the Web designer hoping to add several features including a bulletin board so members can list animals for sale, etc.

It was suggested that maybe it is necessary to pay for good photos we can use on the Website and in advertising.

It was moved by Sheryl and seconded by Dave that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

#### 8.5 Youth

The following 4-H members showed a Blonde d'Aquitaine animal for their 2002 4-H Beef Club project:

Bill Blackburn	Andrew Bunda	William Bunda
Tanya Boyd	Klye Craven	Clarke Dunham
Jennifer Dunham	Joanna Dunham	Sarah Jewel
Daniel Johnston	Simon Lackey	K.C.Lever
Kris Plas	Taylor Plaskett	Nicholas Lubitz
Lisa Schwurr	Katie Secord	Katherine Vink
Rachel Vink	Matt Walker	Melinda Wilman
Crystal Young		

These members have had their 2002 4-H fee reimbursed by the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association. We look forward to seeing these 4-Her's out in 2003.

It was moved by Darren and seconded by Dave that the report be accepted as given. Carried.

#### 8.6 Merchandise

After the 2002 Annual General Meeting, the only merchandise the Association has now are baseball hats and halters. A survey will be conducted in an upcoming newsletter for feed-back from members on merchandise they would like to see us carry. We will also be in touch with various suppliers to see if merchandise can be purchased in small numbers without having to purchase a minimum order.

It was moved by Darren and seconded by John that this report be accepted. Carried

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

A fax was received from Rheo Machina. The fax read as follows:

Over the past two years, we have voiced our concerns about the lack of recognition and support that Blonde Performance members have received from OBdA. Not only have the Blonde Newsletters featured more information and reports regarding "shows", the latest ad in the Ontario Beef Farmer featured a 1 and 1/2 page colour ad with 14 photos of "show champions" from the 2002 Royal.

On the other side of the coin, when was the last time an Ontario Newsletter or an ad featured the "Top Performance Blonde animal" in Ontario? When was the last time a Performance report was printed in a Newsletter? The Newsletter even neglected to include a Performance report from last year's AGM!

We have initiated the following "amendment" so that performance members are treated equally with show members. Should this amendment be voted in favour, then this will imply that the membership does wish to treat Performance members with the same respect as Show members.

Respectfully,  
Rheo Machina

The Proposed Amendment was:

We, the undersigned, would like to propose the following amendment : add item d) to ARTICLE I, Section 2.

ARTICLE I - Name and Objective

2. The aims and objectives of the Association shall be:

- a) to promote and encourage the breeding of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle in the province of Ontario;
- b) to arrange for, and promote shows and sales of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle in the province of Ontario;
- c) to assist, where possible, the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association in their promotion of the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed;
- d) **to promote and encourage performance testing of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle in the province of Ontario.**

Paul Diebel  
Rheo Machina  
Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association Members

It was moved by Murray and seconded by Mike Henry (Mike) that the Board accept this proposed amendment and it be dealt with at the 2004 Annual General Meeting and serve as a notice for the 2004 Annual General Meeting. Carried.

*A letter was received from Shawn Young (Shawn) and was read by John as follows:*

TO THE MEMBERS AND BOARD OF THE BLONDE d' AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION. I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR NOT COMPLETING MY TERM ON THE BOARD. IT WAS NOT A EASY ONE OR DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PRICE I RECEIVED FOR AN ANIMAL AS WAS RUMORED. THIS BOARD DID A GREAT JOB IN MY ABSENCE AND I DO THANK THEM. I ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THAT A BOARD WAS TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND NOT AS INDIVIDUAL. THAT IS NOT TO SAY THAT THERE ARE NOT QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS BECAUSE THERE ARE.

BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD PUT THE BREED FIRST AND CERTAINLY BEFORE THEMSELVES. I WOULD ENCOURAGE VOTERS TO VOTE FOR THE BEST PERSON AND MAYBE NOT A BUDDY. THIS BREED NEEDS GOOD DIRECTION IN THE UP COMING YEARS AND GOOD RELIABLE LEADERS. THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE FOR NEW MEMBERS TO TAKE A SPOT ON THE BOARD.

IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JOHN FOR THE FUN I HAD EITHER ATTENDING A FAIR SHOW OR A FARM SHOW WORKING A DISPLAY, EVEN IF HE CAN NEVER REMEMBER HOW TO GET TO ANY PLACE A SECOND TIME.

THE MEMBERSHIP NEEDS TO KNOW THAT THEIR PRESIDENT WORKED HARDER THAN ANYONE ELSE, AND PROBABLY DID MORE THAN SHE SHOULD OF. I THANK HER FOR UNDERSTANDING MY SITUATION AND SUPPORTING IT AND TO ALL OF YOU FOR GIVING YOUR TIME OUT OF YOUR MEETING TO HAVE THIS LETTER READ.

SINCERELY,

SHAWN YOUNG

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.1 President's

The President's message as written in the 2003 AGM package:

What a year! With the drought hitting the West so hard, it was great to hear about fellow Blonde breeders providing hay for the West.

Then the terrible news of Lyle and Robin Hamman completely losing their home and all their personal belongings to fire. Again the rallying by Blonde breeders across Canada showed what a great group of breeders we are as donations of various kinds were made to the Hammans.

Thank you to all those who turned out to the 2002 Annual General Meeting, and to those present today.

The show circuit in the East was a great success; unfortunately we have lost the point shows in the West. The royal was well attended with many breeders showing. I believe everyone had a great time and social time went over very well. All indications are we will be there again this year.

There were blondes at several test stations in 2002 with the animals competing quite well against other breeds. Thank you to those breeders who have put animals in these tests.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Cream of the Crop Sale was well attended with quality animals being offered for sale. This is one way for the association to raise funds. Thank you to all the consignors and bidders.

At this time I would like to thank the Board for their support. There may have been time we all did not see eye to eye on an issue, but we have always been able to work out the differences and continue.

I thank my family, Floyd and Bill, for all their support. Without you guys this job and my undertakings in the Ontario Blonde Association would not happen. Thank you for your input and hard work on assisting me.

All the best to everyone in the calving season and I hope to see everyone at the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

The President then gave the following address:

The President's message is usually directed towards the past year and its events and happenings. I have written a message in the Annual Meeting package that everyone can read about the past year. I have also tried to prepare my President's messages for the newsletter based on reflections of activities that have occurred.

This year I am setting out in my message what I would like the Association to be able to accomplish this year and also in the next five years. Actually this challenge was put forward to me on Thursday night by a Past President of this Association.

I am challenging each and everyone of you to come up with a vision for the future for this Association. It is time we all looked to the future instead of the past. We have to build on the past, but let us look forward.

In one of the upcoming newsletters I would like to see a survey go out to the members that will make them think about their operations and the future of the breed. This survey will have some real pointed questions for your consideration and thought. With Bob Thomas's assistance this survey will be very hard hitting.

Then I would like to see Regional meetings (as determined by the maps in the Directory) held in the summer with breeders to find a common ground to move this breed forward.

This is a great breed. It is gaining momentum in Europe. It is now time for it to gain momentum in North America.

Together we can move forward and accomplish great things.

It was moved by Sheryl and seconded by Murphy Baker (Murphy) that the report be adopted as presented. Carried.

### 8.2 Promotions

This report that was included in the AGM package:

This year the Ontario Blondes have manned booths at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, Hastings County Plowing Match and Farm Show, Canada's Outdoor Farm Show, and the International Plowing Match. A huge thank you goes out to all who helped man the booths and promote the breed.

It was mentioned that the Board is looking into the possibility of having a booth at the Peterborough Farm Show which is on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by John and seconded by Mike the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

## 8.3

### Performance

Matt presented the Performance report as follows:

This year, there are a total of 62 Blonde bulls on test across Ontario. The following is a list of Blonde breeders who have bulls at various test centres. Contact BIO at 1-800-373-2253 for more information, or to request copies of test centre reports.

#### Douglas #1 (9)

Ferme A & L Cyr (3)

Jessup Farms (1)

Galbraith Blonde Farm (1)

Echo Pond Farm (1)

Crystal Farms (3)

#### Douglas #2 (15)

Ferme A & L Cyr (2)

Ferme Super C (1)

Galbraith Blonde Farms (2)

Mal-Lar Acres (2)

John & Beth Ferrier (2)

Ferg's Blondes (3)

Crystal Farms (2)

#### Kenilworth #3 (7)

Maple Valley Farms (4)

Sunkissed Blondes (3)

#### Brussels #1 (1)

MBRHEO Cattle Co. (1)

#### Brussels #2 (2)

MBRHEO Cattle Co. (1)

Van Bakel blondes (1)

#### Lambton County #1 (2)

MBRHEO Cattle Co. (1)

Hardy Creek Blondes (1)

#### Oxford County (7)

MBRHEO Cattle Co. (2)

Heartwood Farms (4)

Wade Spitzke (1)

#### Heartwood Farms (19)

Holburn Farms (2)

Heartwood Farms (17)

Total number of Blonde bulls on test:	2002-2003	62
	2001-2002	45
	2000-2001	33
	1999-2000	28

### The Ultimate Blonde Bull Competition

**2003** - There are a total of 11 Blonde Bulls entered in the Ultimate Blonde Bull competition. These bulls are currently on supervised test at bull test centres across Ontario. Upon completion of the various tests, BIO will combine performance and ultrasound data to calculate EPDs. The EPDs will be used to determine the "Ultimate Blonde Bull". These bulls will be competing for monetary prizes in 2003. The Following breeders have entered bulls in this years competition.

- Andre & Linda Cyr
- John & Beth Ferrier
- Rheo & Sharon Machina
- Robert McKirdy
- Matthew Unger
- Bill Van Bakel

#### **2002 - Winners**

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | <b>Heartwoods Ladysman 78L</b> - purchased by Gary Hadwyn and is now herdsire at Cedar View Farms, Cavan |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | <b>Heartwoods Lover 73L</b> - purchased by Gary Breman, Norwich  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | <b>Rheo Ladies Man 18L</b> - working at MBRHEO Cattle Co.  |

### The Presidents' Cup Award

The Presidents' Cup is awarded annually to the breeder of the yearling Blonde bull with the highest performance on test. This cup was donated in 1995 by a group of past presidents of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association. They were D.D. "Doug" Lemon, A.L. "Bud" Hill, R.F. "Bob" Thomas, and Judge J.L. Glendenning.

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**NEW!!!**

### CANADIAN NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

*The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association are planning to publish a National newsletter by the end of February.*

The following are the advertising rates:

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## 2003 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

### Class 1 - Bull Calf

1. Beau Bois Norbert 4N
2. Lavelaine's Knight Rider 14N
3. Maple Valley Napoleon 09N
4. Norlock Nijoe
5. Vaupre Nike 3N
6. Donaleen Napoleon
7. High Point Polled Nash
8. VDH Ironside 25N
9. High Point Northern Star

### Class 2

Champion Bull Calf - Beau Bois Norbert 4N  
Reserve - Lavelaine's Knight Rider 14N

### Class 3 - Yearling Bull - Apr 01/02-Dec 31/02

1. Hilltop Orchard Monopoly 40M
2. Butternut Merlyn
3. High Point Molson

### Class 4 - Yearling Bull - Jan 01/02-Mar 31/02

1. Norlock Mr Mort 17M
2. Maple Valley Maestro 13M

### Class 5

Champion Junior - Norlock Mr Mort 17M  
Reserve - Maple Valley Maestro 13M

### Class 6 - Bull born in 2002

1. Hilltop Orchard Legend 10L

### Class 7

Champion Senior - Hilltop Orchard Legend 10L

### Class 8

Grand Champion Bull - Beau Bois Norbert 4N  
Reserve Grand - Lavelaine's Knight Rider 14N

### Class 9 - Heifer calf (split class)

1. Norlock Nickie 4N
2. Maple Valley Novelty 07N
3. Norlock Num Num 12N
4. Hilltop Orchard Nickie 21N
5. Dovecotes Naughty Girl
6. High Point Miss Natalie
7. High Point Noni
1. Maple Valley Notion 01N
2. Lavelaine's Miss Nottie Girl
3. Lavelaine's Northern Girl
4. Franmar Miss Nola
5. Franmar Miss Natalie
6. High Point Nanette
7. High Point Nancey

### Class 10

Champion Heifer Calf-Maple Valley Notion 01N  
Reserve - Norlock Nickie 4N

### Class 11 - Heifer born Apr 01/02 - Dec 31/02

1. Beau Bois Monique 5M
2. Vaupre Margaret 5M
3. Maple Valley Lolly Pop 51M
4. Butternut Meredith
5. High Point Lavelaine Monique
6. Hilltop Orchard Melody 16M

### Class 12 - Heifer born Jan 01/02-Mar 31/02

1. Green Meadows Zoe 11M
2. Norlock Murt
3. Cin Lee Mango
4. Jan-Star Missy 11M
5. VDH Hope 07M
6. Jan-Star Marie 18M
7. RJB Jade
8. Cin Lee Mercedes 12M

### Class 13

Champion Junior - Green Meadows Zoe 11M  
Reserve - Beau Bois Monique 5M

### Class 14 - Female born in 2001 with 2003 calf

1. Maple Valley Leigh 21L
2. Jocka Liberte 19L
3. Franmar Miss Lacey

### Class 15 - Female born before 2001 with 2003 calf

1. Norlock Etobico
2. Royal Debutante 5D
3. Hilltop Orchard Kailey 12K
4. Hilltop Orchard Maxine 5F

### Class 16

Champion Senior - Norlock Etobico 83E  
Reserve - Maple Valley Leigh 21L

### Class 17

Grand Champion Female - Norlock Etobico 83E  
Reserve Grand - Green Meadows Zoe 11M

### Class 18 - Get of Sire

1. Maple Valley Farms
  2. Holburn Farms
  3. High Point Blondes
- ### Class 19 - Progeny of Dam
1. Ferme Beau Bois
  2. Maple Valley Farms
  3. Hilltop Orchard Farm

### Class 20 - Breeder's Herd

1. Maple Valley Farms
2. High Point Blondes
3. Hilltop Orchard Farm

### Class 21 - Junior Showperson (12 & under)

1. Ashley McNevean

### Class 22 - Intermediate Showperson (13 - 17)

1. K.C. Lever
2. Jenn Dunham
3. Lindsay Plas
4. Clarke Dunham

### Class 23 - Senior Showperson (18 - 21)

1. Bill Blackburn
2. Joanna Dunham
3. Jennifer Steege
4. Kris Plas

### Class 24

Grand Showperson - Bill Blackburn  
Reserve Grand - K.C. Lever

Holburn Farms has been in the Blonde business for 10 years. In that time, we have worked hard to build a herd that we are very proud of.

Charles and Duke Cassidy have seen first hand what animals produced at Holburn Farms can do in a herd. The Cassidy's have a small family farm with a wide variety of cattle ranging from Blondes, Angus, Simmental, Herefords, Charolais, Shorthorns, Salers and crosses. With all these cows however they decided to use a Blonde bull, which coincidentally came from Holburn Farms. Not only did a Blonde bull bring such desirable attributes such as ease of calving and stellar performance numbers, the bull also helped contribute to the fact that the offsprings top the sale at Hoard's Station on a regular basis.

Rick Cassidy, a brother to Charles, also runs a small cow/calf operation of mainly Herefords made the same decision to purchase a Blonde bull, Holburn Lots of Beef 02L again from Holburn Farms. Rick also tops the sales at Hoard's Station.

Again this year the same bulls are in their herds working their magic. During these trying times in the beef industry, we ask you to consider whether you can afford to be without the best.

At Holburn Farms we pride ourselves in striving to be the best and offer the best animals possible. We would like to extend an invitation to one and all to stop by whenever possible and see what we have to offer you and the beef industry as a whole.

Always being offered for sale, bulls and females of all ages, at the farm just 10 km north of Highway 7 on Highway 62.

**Holburn Farms**  
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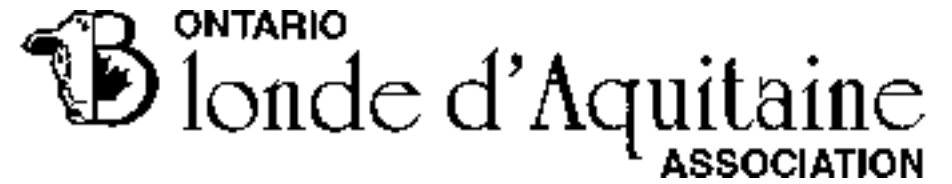
**DEL MERRILL - MERLESON FARMS**  
**CAMPBELLFORD ONTARIO**

After a lengthy illness, we were saddened by the passing of a dear friend and long time member of the Blonde d'Aquitaine Association. Del and Diane worked hard to maintain and keep a top-notch, quality herd of blonde cattle that any breeder would be proud to own.

We will always remember Del's sense of humour and witness. He will be missed.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Diane and family.

Laveme McGee



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## **BLONDE BANNER**

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**JANUARY 2004**

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*PLAN TO ATTEND THE*  
**Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association**  
**2004 Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

*at the*

**Rock Haven Motel and Convention Centre**

1875 Lansdowne Street W. Peterborough, Ontario  
705-742-8807

(A block of rooms has been booked for this meeting)

**Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.**

(See Page 3 for Agenda)

Buffet Supper \$5.00

Door prizes    Silent Auction

Social time to follow

***EVERYONE WELCOME!!***