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President's Message – *Ben Schmidke, President*

As I write this, it's almost the first of March and the temperature is -16 degrees. I think we're all ready for spring! I would like to start out by thanking Mark Schulz for his excellent leadership as president of the NCHCA for the past two very busy years. We had a lot on our plate, and he kept us focused and moving in the right direction the entire time. As we move forward, I would like to encourage all of you to be involved with the North Central. This organization exists for and because of you our members. It is a resource that you can draw on for information, answers to questions, and to network with other Highland breeders. It is an active organization that is recognized at the national level as a group that can work together to bring something as big as hosting the national AHCA convention together in grand style. We are also recognized as a group that will work hard at the national level to represent not only our regional members, but Highland breeders nation wide. That kind of recognition comes through the interest and work of our members. Involvement can be as simple as attending some of the events that the NCHCA supports during the year. Each year we have members and cattle at events such as the Minnesota and Wisconsin State Fairs, Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, World Beef Expo, various Scottish fairs and county fairs. Our youth represent the Highland breed at the Minnesota Junior Spring Classic each spring. It was recently pointed out that with all of the events that the NCHCA supports, this organization promotes the breed to as many as three million people each year. That's quite an achievement! This year we will be resuming the farm tours and picnics, which are always a fun family event. As dates for the various events are known, they will be announced in the Hoofbeat and on the NCHCA website at <http://www.nchca.org>. I would like to invite all of you to come on out to some of these events and show your support.

Come on Spring!

MISSION STATEMENT: North Central Highland Cattle Association shall protect the integrity and sustainability of the Highland breed by promoting education and social interactions of its members.

University of Missouri Highland Beef Research Study

We are just a few samples away from completing the University of Missouri Highland Beef Research Study! Please, don't miss out in getting your beef samples in this historic study. If you have questions about the study, please contact me or you pull up information on the AHCA website under the Highland Cattle Foundation tab. 507-481-7367 or mark@flatlandfarm.com

Call for Articles!

The articles should be directly related to the following topics: **nutrition, animal husbandry, animal health, calving, breeding and marketing or sales.**

If you have an article you would like to share, please submit to:

Josh info@windlandflats.com

Ben info@creachanngleann.com

Dan dans@tjassociates.net

Preferred formats are:

Articles – Microsoft Word,
Photos/images – PDF format,
Tables/graphs – Microsoft Excel.

Member Input Requested – AHCA Sanctioned Shows

by Mark Schulz

Many of you know that a new show rule was to take effect this show season requiring that we show with two other breeds to be considered and AHCA sanctioned show. Our region opposed this rule from the time it was passed, two years ago, and have been making our voice heard ever since. To make a long story short, the rule has been postponed for this show season and will be reviewed by the AHCA Show Committee. Our region has also been asked to provide feedback on any show related issues that need to be added, changed or deleted and these will be relayed back to the Show Committee for review. Please provide any feedback to me by April 1, 2015 and I will get that information to the Show Committee. You can contact me at: 507-481-7367 or mark@flatlandfarm.com

Minnesota Junior Spring Classic – Junior Cattle Show

Our North Central Juniors will be involved in the Minnesota Junior Spring Classic once again this year! Saturday, May 2 will be weigh in for market animals, boot camp, and showmanship. Sunday, May 3 will be the show! The show in 2013 boasted 365 head and over 250 Juniors showing! Come out and support our Juniors by attending the show (no fee to attend). The show usually starts at 8 am, but check the MJSC website or Facebook page before heading out. The show is at the Mower County Fairgrounds, 700 12th St. SW, Austin, MN 55912. If you can't attend, but would like to support our juniors monetarily, please contact Mark Schulz at 507-481-7367 or mark@flatlandfarm.com See you at the show!

Reminder...

100 Word Farm Description for the NCHCA Website

At the Annual Meeting, the membership approved to expand NCHCA Membership benefits to include a 100 word description of every paying member on the NCHCA.org website. All farm descriptions should be written by the farm and submitted to David Eckwright as soon as possible to web@nchca.org

2016 NCHCA Calendar Send in Your Photos!

We're getting started on the 2016 calendar early enough that it will be available in time for our upcoming events and holiday gift-giving. Photos must be submitted by April 15, 2015.

Photos should be glossy prints if snail-mailed to:

TJ Associates – Dan Stewart
6441-140th Court NW
Ramsey MN 55303

If emailed, upload photos (digital) 300 dpi in jpg or pdf format to www.tjassociates.com.

PHOTO DETAILS: Please use these guidelines when taking, editing and submitting your photos.

- * Photos must be in JPG/JPEG format
- * Image files should be no larger than 15MB
- * Please shoot photos using a digital camera resolution of 3 megapixels or greater
- * Images should be 300 dpi or more
- * Images must be in horizontal orientation
- * Don't forget to label file with your farm name for acknowledgement

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2015 Official Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the North Central Highland Cattle Association was called to order at 1:15 pm on Saturday, February 21, 2015 by the president at the Clarion Hotel Campus Area, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The secretary was present and the minutes of the 2015 meeting were approved as read.

Proof of notice was sent out to the membership in the January edition of the Hoofbeat. All notices were received by January 15, 2015.

Officers Reports

Audit completed by Cindy Weideman

Treasurer's Report – Billy Johnston

- Balance \$14,141.71 in the General Fund
- Balance \$2,897.99 in the Junior Fund

Summary of the AHCA Convention in Duluth

- Income \$8,924.00
- Expenses \$4,849.78
- Total Gain \$4,074.22

Moved by Ben Schmidtke; Seconded by Cindy Sassen
Approved

Committee Reports

Published in the Hoofbeat. Mark S. recapped the reports and discussed the National Sale in Denver

Show Committee

- Mark reported the NCHCA show will be moved to Oct. 3, 2015 in Austin, MN. There is some difficulty, due to dates, locating a public event to partner with us. He will continue to search.
- World Beef Expo will be held Sept. 24-27, 2015
- Mark passed out correspondence regarding the 2015 AHCA rule and exemption request.

Hoofbeat Committee - Discussed Pricing

Unfinished Business

2016 Calendars

- Larry has 4 farms that have sent photos.
- Kyle @ TJ Associates is handling the calendars for Dan
- Business card ads are down
- We will extend the deadline to April 15, 2015

American Livestock Magazine – Advertising

- Flatland Farm and NCHA have advertising in current issue
- AHCA has advertising currently
- Highlands will be featured on the front cover of upcoming issue and William Lipsey will be doing an article. All Highland advertising will be moved to the front of the magazine in this issue.
- Does NCHCA want to put an ad in the Summer "Highland" issue? Deadline is March 1st

Picnics

Sharon Lewis—Walnut Bluffs Farm—possibly in July/August

Mark and Jamie Schultz – Flatland Farm

Proctors – Windemere Farm

- Anne read the AHCA Director's Report
- Mark passed out the financial statement for the past two shows
- Items being sent out to new members were discussed
Discussed the Highland Cattle Foundation Study
 - Samples were asked for
 - Thinking about initiating stage 2 which involves Highland Crossbreds "Sovereign"

Break until 3:30

Elections were held

President elected by unanimous vote:

Ben Schmidtke

Vice President

- Larry Sassen was nominated and accepted the nomination
- Ken Rose moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast
- Seconded by Roger Wiedeman

Directors

Nominations for Janet Larson and Dan Webster

- Billy Johnston moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot
- Seconded by Anne Proctor

New Business

- **Discussed new billing for Farm Profiles on the Website running from February to February**

Beginning in 2015 we will have 250 word profile with 2 photos for \$15.00

- Moved by Larry Sassen
- Seconded by Mark Schulz
- No further discussion, motion was passed

- **Advertising costs for Classified ads on the website were discussed.**

Change to 50 words for 90 Days plus 1 photo will be \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, plus \$5 per photo for extra Photos.

Moved by Cindy Sassen; Seconded by Sharon Lewis

- No further discussion and the motion was passed

2015 Official Annual Meeting Minutes (cont.)

- Anne Proctor suggested working on PayPal for the website. Billy, Josh, and Dave E. will work on it this weekend.
- **Low on one page pamphlets and trifold brochures** Roger W. moved to reprint 3,000 copies of 1 sided pamphlets with beef cut listing on the back. Seconded by Josh Krenz. No further discussion the motion was passed and the board will see that this is done.
- Roger W. moved to reprint 2,000 copies of the tri-fold brochure with proper pricing and board review. Josh Krenz seconded. No further discussion the motion was passed Roger Wiedeman moved to fund Farm Tech Days with a price of roughly \$300. Motion was seconded by Ken Rose and with no further discussion, motion was passed.
- Ken Rose moved to pay Wisc. Cattleman's Dues of \$75. Anne Proctor seconded, no further discussion, and the motion was passed
- Mark Schulz is seeking a 3rd year for the Moo Booth at the MN State Fair and moved to request \$50 for a display if we are not selected for the Moo Booth. Jean Gruenert seconded, no discussion and the motion was passed.
- Cindy Sassen moved to have a display at World Beef Expo at a cost of \$100. Mark Schulz seconded and no further discussion, the motion was passed
- The MN Scottish Festival will be July 18, 2015 and would like the Highlands to attend
- Mark Schulz moved to request \$300 for the MJSC so the NCHCA Juniors could hold their own breed show. Jean Gruenert seconded, with no further discussion the motion was passed.
- Anne Proctor moved to give approximately \$150 for an appreciation gift for Dan Stewart. Dave Eckwright seconded the motion, no further discussion was had and the motion was passed.

At 4:43 Dave Eckwright moved to adjourn the meeting, Mark Schulz seconded and the meeting was concluded.

Minutes Submitted by Janet Larson

Attendees:

David and Phyllis Eckwright	Richard and Jean Gruenert
Mark and Randi Johnson	Billy and Emily Johnston
Josh Krenz	Jan Larson
Sharon and Craig Lewis	Anne Proctor
Ken and Joan Rose	Larry and Cindy Sassen
Ben and Mary Schmidtke	Mark and Jamie Schulz
Daniel and Mary Kay Webster	Ryan Weideman
Roger and Cindy Weideman	

2015 NCHCA COMMITTEE LIST

Junior Committee

Sue Dyke – Chair
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Anne Proctor
David Larson
Jan Larson

Web Committee

Dave Eckwright – Host/Chair
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Josh Krenz
Sharon Lewis
Randi Johnson

Show Committee

Mark Schulz – Chair
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Cindy Weideman	Jamie Schulz
David Larson	Rich Gruenert
Jan Larson	Jean Gruenert
Anne Proctor	Joan Rose
Billy Johnston	

Hoofbeat Committee

Josh Krenz – Chair
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Sharon Lewis

2015 Annual Meeting

Jan Larson – Chair
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David Larson	Rich Gruenert
Jean Gruenert	Joan Rose

Membership Committee

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Sharon Lewis
Mark Schulz



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Classified / Want Ads

FOR SALE

Flatland Farm has 2014
Registered heifers for sale – 3
spring heifers and 2 fall

heifers. All are gentle, halter

broken and the yearlings have all been in the show
ring. Our animals are on a strict grassfed and grass
finished system. Please contact us for bloodlines,
pricing and to set up a visit to our farm!

Phone: 507-481-7367 or e-mail at
info@flatlandfarm.com

Ads from members may be submitted for a dime
a word or \$5.00 for a business card per issue.
Remember it does not have to be just cattle.
It can be head gates, corral panels or any other
equipment you wish to sell or purchase.

For Advertising:

Send ads to: dalriada@comcast.net

Checks payable to: NCHCA

Send to: Billy Johnston
2353 105th St E
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077



July Hoofbeat Newsletter

The deadline for our next issue will be
June 15, 2015. Please submit all articles and
photos using the contact information below.

Preferred formats are: Articles – Microsoft Word,
Photos/images – PDF format,
Tables/graphs – Microsoft Excel. We need original
electronic artwork.

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Please call if you have any questions.
Hoofbeat articles can be submitted from
now up until the deadline date.



The weather may not show it but the calendar says we are a few weeks away from spring. Every month the NCHCA Junior Committee has a meeting making plans for the upcoming year. To kick off 2015, the NCHCA Juniors had a strong showing at the National Western held in Denver, CO. We are very proud to announce that Maryn Cowell attended her first National Western and was the Junior Showmanship Champion with Reilly McConnell being the Reserve Junior Showmanship Champion! Reilly showed her new heifer that she won through the National Junior Heifer Program. To think it couldn't get any better Paige Proctor was the Intermediate Showmanship Champion to go on to win the Supreme Showmanship Champion! Congratulations to everyone!

The Juniors that attended the NCHCA Annual meeting in Eau Claire in Feb., WI went to a Water Park and had a great time.



www.facebook.com/NCHCAJuniors



www.twitter.com/NCHCAJuniors

May 1-3 ,2015; we are very excited to have the MN Junior Spring Classic back on the calendar. This is a multi-breed show with approx. 300 kids showing their cattle. The NCHCA Juniors have their own Highland show with the opportunity participate in the open Showmanship classes. This is a great event to connect with other Juniors and work with their cattle to get them ready for the county fairs; to improve their showmanship skills and to learn something new. If a Junior doesn't have or want to bring their own animal, just contact Sue Dyke at sue@almostafarmshighlands.com or 402-586-2631 and one will be

provided for you. For more information please go to the Minnesota Junior Spring Classic Facebook page or contact one of us to get signed up.

The Junior Committee would love to hear from you. Do you have a question or need help with something, that is what we are here for. is there an activity that you would like to see put on? Just ask. We are here for you!

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The North Central Highland Cattle Association (NCHCA) was formed in 1982 to promote Scottish Highland Cattle, form a marketing unit for breeders, and to provide a local organization closer to home. The organization has done this and provides opportunities for youth and families to have fun with their Highland cattle. Our association provides networking and educational opportunities for its members, has an active junior program for youth, and provides a local voice to the national organization, the American Highland Cattle Association.

NCHCA Upcoming Events 2015

- **May 2-3**
Minnesota Junior Classic at the Mower County Fairgrounds
- **June 18-20**
ACHA National Convention in Killington, VT
- **July 18**
Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games
- **August 6-16**
Wisconsin State Fair
- **August 25-27**
Wisconsin Farm Technology Days
- **August 27 – September 7**
Minnesota State Fair
- **September 25-27**
World Beef Expo

