



THE HIGHLAND *HoofBeat*

NCHCA 2020 Elected Officers and Board of Directors

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President's Message – *Randi Johnson, President*

Fall is my favorite season. We get to reap the rewards of our work over the last few months and look forward to the family and friend times that the upcoming months normally bring. This year is going to continue to be challenging for us all, but let's hope that we can still gather with those we care most about as the holidays approach.

Despite the pandemic, the Regional Show was held and was a success. We were very happy to be able to host one of the few AHCA sanctioned shows that occurred this year. The weather cooperated so we were able to spend much time outside. While we missed a number of our members that have exhibited in the past, we welcomed a number of new farms and met the threshold for a super points show. We are all indebted to Melinda Cowell, the Cowell family, and the rest of the show committee for their persistence and dedication. It was a very challenging year to pull all of the details together and Melinda made it all work perfectly.

The highland show at World Beef Expo was smaller than usual, but the farms that participated represented us well. Results of this show are available at the NCHCA website.

Congratulations to Reilly McConnell, our North Central Junior of the Year. She is so deserving of the recognition.

The board of directors has decided that the annual meeting will be virtual this year because of the uncertainty due to COVID. We will have a business meeting, but postpone the educational programming until we can gather in person. Look for more information in this issue and please save the date.

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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.

President's Message – Continued from page 1

The board is looking for members who might be willing to serve on the board. We have four director terms ending, so it is an opportunity to become more involved. Because the business meeting will be virtual, we are asking for nominations in advance, by January 15th. Information on the duties and expectations of directors and officers is included in this Hoofbeat.

The sale committee is announcing a second sale in 2021. Because AHCA is not planning a national sale, North Central is planning an online sale in March. There will be much more information coming about this event in the coming weeks.

We hope you will take advantage of some recently enhanced member benefits. The Association now offers unlimited free classified ads for members, which includes posting on the NCHCA website and Facebook group, as well as sending email notices to all active NCHCA members. These ads work, so don't hesitate to try this feature. We continue to work on developing a semen directory on the website at no cost to members. If you have semen for sale, it is very easy to get it listed.

The board works hard to make the Association of value to the membership. Board members are always open to hearing from members with any ideas or concerns. We hope you will always feel like we are open to your feedback.

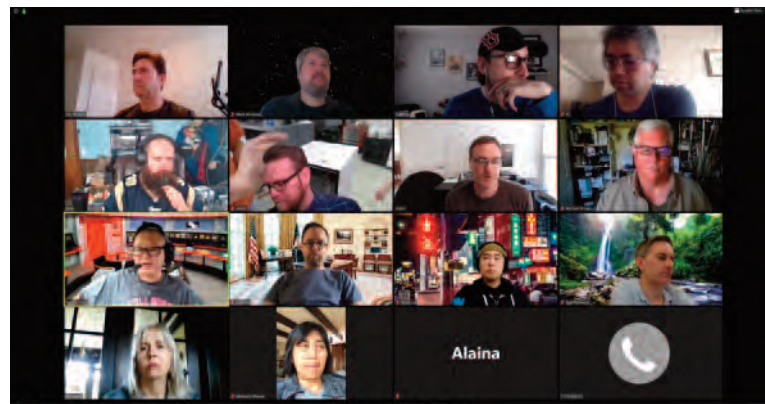
Stay safe and well.

Randi Johnson

Hey all! A little "Save the Date" note:

We are planning on having the **2021 Annual Meeting on February 6th and 7th, 2021**

So go ahead and mark your calendars, but due to COVID-19, it will be a "virtual meeting", which means we will need even MORE participation and help from all of our members! Watch for information to show up on-line, in your email, in your "snail" mail box, or don't hesitate to talk to the board members for updates and questions!



You can find their information on the front page of this Hoofbeat edition.

We will keep you posted on developments as we plan, and please know that our virtual meeting is an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy.



Changes Coming in Association Leadership; Nominations Due January 15th

Your association is governed by a board of five directors, elected by the membership at the annual meeting, who serve two-year terms. Two of those directors serve as President and Vice President. The terms of four of those director positions end with the upcoming annual meeting: the two officers and two other directors. While three of the directors are eligible to run for a second term if they choose to, one position will be without an incumbent because of term limits. We need nominations to fill these positions.

What's involved in serving on the board?

■ The duties and expectations for Directors are:

- Represents the interests of the membership in all decisions consistent with the Association's mission.
- Participates in annual, regular, and special meetings of the Board of Directors
- The Board holds monthly conference calls, except February when the annual meeting is held.
- If a director is absent from more than two meetings of the Board and those absences are not excused by a majority of the other directors, the remaining directors may declare the position vacant.
- Participates when possible in NCHCA events and activities.
- Serves on at least one NCHCA committee and acts as liaison between the committee and the board.
- Maintains active membership in the American Highland Cattle Association.
- Understands that each Director represents one vote on the Board and no single Director can make commitments on behalf of the Association without Board consent.
- Abstains from voting if there is any conflict of interest.

What are the expectations for the officer positions?

■ The President

- Presides over the annual business meeting according to Association by-laws.
- Convenes and conducts meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Schedules periodic meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Establishes agendas for meetings.
- Maintains communication with committee chairs.
- Coordinates review of Association activities through development of policies and procedures consistent with the Association by-laws.
- Performs duties as any member of the Board of Directors.

■ The Vice President

- Participates in all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- In the absence of the President, presides over meetings of the Association or Board of Directors.
- Performs duties as any member of the Board of Directors.
- More information about the board is available on the NCHCA.org website under Organization on the About menu.

The strength of any association is found in the involvement of its members. Serving on the board is a great way to get more involved and help the association move forward. Because the annual meeting will be virtual this year, we are asking for nominations in advance of the meeting, by January 15th.

Nominations are open for:

- President
- Vice President
- Director (Two Positions)

If you have ever thought about running, or if you know of someone that you think would be a good candidate, please send in a nomination to vicepresident@nchca.org. We ask that if you are nominating someone, you first make sure they are willing to serve.

2020 NCHCA Regional Highland Cattle Show

Melinda Cowell- 2020 Show Manager

It was our great pleasure to host the 2020 NCHCA Regional Highland Show Saturday September 10, 2020, in Austin Minnesota. Fifteen farms from states as far as North Carolina, Washington, and Arkansas, attended to exhibit 53 animals. Many exhibitors arrived Thursday to prepare for the show; with many more exhibitors arriving on Friday. In the early afternoon, "The Lunch Box" food trailer provided lunch for exhibitors and spectators. The juniors (15 total) finished out the evening with a showmanship clinic and election of new junior officers. Saturday morning started off with the Junior Show Judged by Mark Schoenfeld from western Minnesota. Shortly after the Junior show, showmanship was judged by Mark, Vicky Wilmes from south central Minnesota, and Jim Kuklacka, from southern Minnesota. The Open show, judged by Vicky and Jim, proved to be an exhibition of quality cattle from around the US. The show was wrapped up with an outdoor meal and award ceremony.

We would like to congratulate the following individuals and farms.

Open Show

Grand Champion Female CZH Goose, Owner: Lindsey Eldred
Reserve Champion Female Beyond Hope Skye, Owner: Maryn Cowell
Grand Champion Cow/Calf Windemere Firefly, Owner: Windemere Farm
Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Bennachie's Nadia, Owner: Table Top Acres
Grand Champion Bull Symbiosis Sir Titan, Owner: Circle V Cattle
Reserve Champion Bull Windemere Hotshot, Owner: Windemere Farm
Grand Champion Sovereign Heifer Highland Acres Windy, Owner: Highland Acres
Grand Champion Overall Market Animal Beyond Hope Wessyn, Owner: Maryn Cowell
Bob Duell Herdsmanship Award Four T Acres
Premiere Breeder Almosta Farm
Premiere Exhibitor Windemere Farm

Junior Show

NCHCA Junior of the Year Reilly McConnell
Grand Champion Female CZH Goose, Owner: Lindsey Eldred
Reserve Champion Female PC Amarillo, Owner: Reilly McConnell
Grand Champion Steer Beyond Hope Wessyn, Owner: Maryn Cowell
Reserve Champion Steer Almosta Farm's Norman, Owner: Table Top Acres

Though there were many unknowns this year, causing entry numbers to be down, we are thankful for breeders who trusted us and allowed the show to go on. We are looking forward to next year with the hope that things will be back to normal and that we can once again meet, not only to exhibit the Grand Old Breed, but to connect with breeders from around the nation. Looking forward to our national show at the Nebraskan in January!



Grand Champion Bull - Symbiosis Sir Titan



Grand Champion Sovereign Heifer - Highland Acres Windy



Jr Grand Champion Steer - Beyond Hope Wessyn



Grand Champion Female-CZH Goose



Grand Champion Cow/Calf - Windemere Firefly



Jr Grand Champion Female-CZH Goose



Reserve Grand Champion Bull - Windemere Hotshot



Grand Champion Market Animal - Beyond Hope Wessyn



Jr Reserve Grand Champion Steer - Almosta Farm's Norman



Reserve Grand Champion Female - Beyond Hope Skye



Isla Janquart with Almosta Farm's Scarlet



Jr Reserve Grand Champion Female - PC Amarillo

Highland Production Sale to Host Two Dates in 2021

March 13, 2021 – Online Only Sale

Due to the continued demand of Highland Cattle in our region and to continue to help our members market their cattle, the NCHCA will be hosting two Highland Production Sales in 2021. The first sale will take place on March 13, 2021. This will be an online only sale. Consignments can be submitted on HighlandSale.org until February 15. Consignments will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Those consigning animals will need to provide photos and videos of the cattle for the sale website. Cattle will ship directly from the consignor's farm. As with our past sales, the buyer is responsible for shipping. We will leave the commission levels at 8%, which is lower than in past years (12%) and the same level used at the June 2020 sale.

June 19, 2021 – Annual Production Sale

After we complete the March 2021 Online Sale, the Sale Committee will evaluate and announce the format of the 2021 June sale. As we all learned in 2020, we need to be agile and accommodating to the world around us. We will have a sale on June 19, 2021, no matter what the world looks like at that time. It is just a matter of what the sale will look like, such as Online Only, In-Person, or some combination.

On behalf of the NCHCA Highland Production Sale Committee, we want to offer a sincere thank you to all of the consigners and buyers who participated in the 2020 Sale. It is because of this momentum and great enthusiasm that we are able to add a March Sale for 2021.

The NCHCA Highland Production Sale Committee

Josh Krenz (Chair) | Rich & Jean Gruenert | Randi Johnson | Heather Bailey

Congratulations! 2020 Outstanding Service Awards

Sue Dyke



The NCHCA board honored Sue Dyke of Almosta Farm for her many years of service to our region and her phenomenal leadership and devotion to our NCHCA juniors. Sue has stepped down as Junior Committee Chair this year and turned those reigns over to Tina Broderick of Tabletop Acres. Congratulations, Sue and thank you as you pass the juniors off to new leadership!

Eagle Ridge

Billy Johnston



The NCHCA board honored Billy Johnston of Dalraida Highland Farm for his many years of hard work and support of the Association. Billy's friendship to all our members, as well as his experience and leadership has helped guide and promote our regional association from its early years to what we have become today. Congratulations, Billy and thank you for all you have done for NCHCA!

Highland Cattle Production Sales



ONLINE SPRING SALE

Saturday, March 13, 2021

**Online Bidding Only – Animals will
Sell Direct from Consignor Farms**

**Deadline to Consign is
February 15, 2021**

ANNUAL SUMMER SALE

Saturday, June 19, 2021

Location & Format TBD

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Accidental Stockpile Grazing

By Larry Sassen



Boulder Meadow Highlnds - Winter//Spring 2020

Fall came upon us too fast here at Boulder Meadows Highlands. Hay fields we grazed the first crop off were coming back slowly with dry conditions and fields that had early first and second crop taken off were doing the same. A problem comes up. It is time to chop corn and pile it for feeding during the late fall and early winter. We decide to let the hay keep growing and take it off after killing frost. We finish chopping the first field of corn and close road gates to let the cattle to glean the corn field and adjoining hay fields. It is now early October and we have had a killing frost. Oh no, the chopper has destroyed a cross bearing and a shaft bearing. They need replacing before we can continue. We start looking over the parts manual to order parts. It takes a week to find the parts as the chopper is an orphan with no dealerships now. The corn got finished before the first snow hit our area, but we were getting foggy cloudy weather. No chance now to cut the hay.

I had heard and read about stockpile grazing before. It is time to see if it works. The first cut corn field had another two small hay fields adjoining it. The cattle finished that area in a few days so they were moved to 25 acres of combined hay field and meadow to take off third crop. They were moved off when they had grazed it down to 5-8" height. We have snow falling now and it soon is

up the bellies of the nine fall calves this year when they are let into the first of two more hay fields. With snow in the fields now we estimate the amount of hay we would have harvested and move them to another field after we figured they have consumed 60% of the forage. The second corn field across the road from the cattle had been finished and had 13 acres of hay field adjoining it with the hay bales removed and six rows of corn left. The remote water tank in this area was shut off now and the creek is the only water source away from the buildings and is starting to freeze up. (Note: to manage Liver Flukes we try to keep the cattle from drinking from our creek or ponds.)

We have a QLF tank and protein lick tubs available to supplement the forages they are eating. What makes this grazing possible is an EQUIP grant we received from the NRCS years ago that helped us to subdivide our 307 acre farm into 31 parcels, 29 that can be grazed and harvested for maximum production, with the other two being the building site and a wildlife area adjoining a pond and wet land. This seems to be working well despite the snow this year since the snow is soft and easy for the cattle to get though for a mouth full each bite.

I think we will try this again to save on fuel and time in the fall.

Check Out Our Website at NCHCA.org for information on:

Member Listings • Classified Ads • Show Results • Upcoming Events • Much more...

The 2021 Calendars are READY!

You did it again, the members that entered the calendar contest made it hard to make the selections for the pages. I sure hope everyone is keeping their phone or camera with you to make next year's calendar selections even harder. With the greens of summer as background or the rainbow of fall colors coming up to highlight your Highlands, with time on your hands I can see some long judging sessions for the 2022 contest. It takes your searching out those great photos now to make it a better calendar. How about a foggy morning, a sunrise or sun set, a stormy sky or rainbow, racing calves, and mother's love.

Now for the winners for the 2021 calendar (listed in alphabetical order, not in order of the pages they are on):

- Boulder Meadows Farm, Larry (Committee Chair) & Cindy Sassen, Little Falls, MN
- Buck Creek Farm, Calvin & Frances Wilkinson, Richland Center, WI
- Climbing Stump Farm, Mark, Randi & Joe Johnson, Harris, MN
- Creachann Glenn, Ben and Mary Schmidtke, Plattville, WI
- Eagle Lodge Farm, Jeff & Jessica Raschka, Hatley, WI
- Flatland Farm, Mark & Jamie Schulz, Elkton, MN
- Highland Springs Farm, Kevin & Kelly Opperman, Oregon, WI
- Rosewood Ranch, Ken & Julie Schaar, Deer River, MN
- Stepping Stone Acres, Rick & Paula Walker, Rolla, MO
- Windemere Farm, John, Anne & Paige Proctor, Junction City, WI
- Windland Flats, Josh & Maria Krenz, Princeton, MN



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Fall Junior Report

NCHCA Junior Show Recap:

Our 2020 NCHCA junior show went exceptionally well! We had a great turnout, with juniors coming from Michigan, Washington, Arkansas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. We had a total of 15 junior members showing 19 heifers and three market animals. At the conclusion of the open show, we awarded our 2020 Junior of the Year: Reilly McConnell. We also announced our 2020-2021 junior officer team. Maryn Cowell (MN) was elected President for her 3rd term, Olivia Moore (MI) was elected Vice President for her 1st term, Charli Broderick (WI) was elected Secretary/Treasurer for her 2nd term, and Kaitlin Edwards (AR) was elected Reporter for her 1st term.



NCHCA Junior display in process

Our current balance is \$5,895.02, this is before the expenses from the fall show have been applied. We also have plans to buy an official junior tabletop display, which is in the making as of Nov 1st.

During our monthly conference calls, we have been discussing some ideas that would allow our juniors to be more connected and involved. One such discussion was possibly hosting two zoom calls per year, allowing the officer team to personally present ideas and information to the junior membership. We also discussed sending our officer meeting minutes to the junior membership, allowing them to stay

updated on the officer's decisions and upcoming events.

We have some application deadlines that are upcoming! The 2020 junior scholarship, and marketing & exhibition applications are due January 1st. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500 to a graduating senior or freshman in college. The marketing & exhibition program is available for any age and includes a written application explaining what the junior has done to promote highland cattle; a customized NCHCA junior sweatshirt will be presented to the junior applicant at the annual meeting in February. Hope to see lots of our junior members in February!



Junior of the Year

Reilly McConnell

NASCO's Gold Circle Reward Program

Support NCHCA Juniors when you purchase from NASCO. The Juniors earn rebates of 5% of net purchases when members purchase from:

- Nasco Farm & Ranch
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Thank you for your support!

Congratulations

...to Maryn Cowell who is the 2020 of the NCHCA Junior Scholarship. Thanks to Maryn for her commitment to the breed and our association. We know she will find success as she starts her collegiate career.



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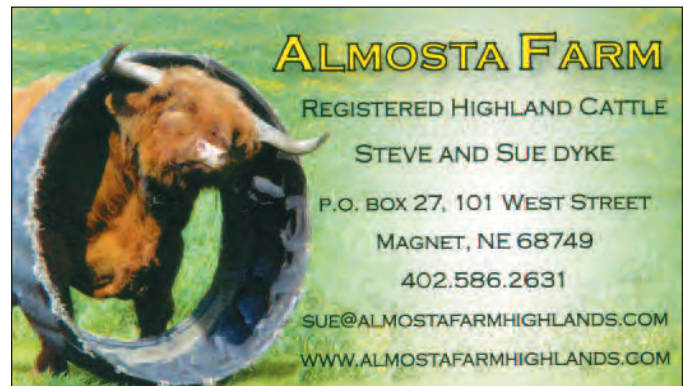
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The North Central Highland Cattle Association (NCHCA) was formed in 1982 to promote Scottish Highland Cattle, form a marketing unit for breeders, and to provide a local organization closer to home. The organization has done this and provides opportunities 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.



JANUARY Hoofbeat Newsletter

The deadline for our next issue will be **DECEMBER 31, 2020.**

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.

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

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