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President's Message – *Randi Johnson, President*

It has been quite a winter for our region. We have had big snows, extreme cold, high winds, mud and flooding, and I know we are all anxious for sunshine and some warm, dry days.

With this issue, the Hoofbeat has a new editor, Kay Clemans of HideAway Farm. Josh Krenz has served in that role for six years, and he asked to be able to move on to other duties within NCHCA and AHCA. He did an outstanding job, keeping us all informed and we know Kay will continue to put out a great newsletter.

Congratulations to all our members who participated in the AHCA annual show and sale in Denver at the National Western Stock Show in January. Several members had success and NCHCA juniors were dominant in the junior competition. If you have never been, it is well worth the trip, whether you bring cattle or not.

For those of you that missed it, the Annual Meeting in February was a great event. Several of our members shared their expertise and experience in panel discussions about beef marketing, herd management, and showing cattle. It was a wonderful way to learn from each other. Larry Sassen, Kevin Opperman and Kerrie Olson are to be commended for getting it all organized.

We also welcomed new officers and directors to the board: Janet Larson of Four T Acres is our new vice-president, and the newly elected directors are Jonathan Carlson of Last Chance Ranch and Daniel Webster of Lynx River CC. Leaving the board are Lara Taylor of River City Highlands, Ryan Weideman of Schön Boden Farms and our past-president, Larry Sassen of Boulder Meadow Farm. Many thanks to these folks for volunteering time and energy on behalf of the association.

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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.*

2019 Annual Meeting



NCHCA members gathered in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on February 2nd & 3rd for the annual meeting.

Saturday attendees were treated to three separate panel discussions with members sharing their expertise and experience in three areas.

Jean Gruenert, Melinda Cowell and Kevin Opperman discussed beef sales and marketing, including processing, direct sales, restaurant sales, farmers markets, and shared their varied perspectives including state rules for both Minnesota and Wisconsin.



Larry Sassen, Daniel Webster and Cindy Weideman shared a variety of approaches to fencing, water systems, feeding, pastures, breeding, calving, and pest control among other things.

Maryn Cowell, Kerie Olson and Mark Schulz talked about showing cattle from assessing young animals, training and grooming them, show etiquette, showmanship and the benefits and pitfalls of showing cattle.



On Sunday morning, the business meeting was held. The meeting was well attended and there were many decisions made. Committees made reports on their activities for the year and recommendations for the upcoming year. Some of the highlights are:

- A change was approved to the bylaws to modify the requirement that voting members own registered cattle, provided the members own or have owned highland or crossbred highland cattle.
- The committee organizing the annual meeting will do some research on possible alternative venues that might provide more junior friendly facilities.

After a great banquet, an auction to support the junior programs was held and a good time was had by all.

Elections for President, Vice President and two directors was held.

Officers and directors are:

President: Randi Johnson
Vice-president: Jan Larson
Secretary: Kerie Olson
Treasurer: Josh Krenz
AHCA Board: Jamie Schulz
Directors: Jon Carlson
 Kevin Opperman
 Daniel Webster

Items of Note

Entries are open for the Third Annual Production Sale at Four T Acres on June 22nd.

Thanks to all members who were able to make the meeting. See you all next year!

Special thanks go to Kerie Olson for the great job she did planning and organizing the event. Looking forward to next year!



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President's Message

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Our junior committee is planning a day of learning and growing at Flatland Farms in Elkhorn, Minnesota on May 4th. All are welcome to participate in the NCHCA Junior Cattleman's Camp, courtesy of the NCHCA Juniors. Look for more information coming soon.

The Third Annual Production Sale is scheduled for June 22nd at Four T Acres in Burlington, Wisconsin and entries will be accepted until April 21st. Pick out some of your best and consign them to the sale. Interested in buying? You can bid in person or on line. Hope you can make it.

In closing, I believe we have exciting days ahead and I look forward to working with the new board of directors to keep our association strong and moving forward.

– *Randi Johnson*

Outstanding Service Award



Mark and Jamie Schulz

NCHCA Annual Show in Austin for a number of years, represent the breed and association every year in the Moo Booth at the Minnesota State Fair, and are both very active with the national association as well. Congratulations, Mark and Jamie and thank you as you pass the show off to new leadership!

This year's outstanding service award recipients were Mark and Jamie Schulz of Flatland Farm for their contributions to the NCHCA. Mark and Jamie have provided leadership for the



Let the NCHCA.org website work for you

Starting in 2019, as a member benefit, you can have a free profile webpage on the NCHCA.org website with up to 500 words and three photographs. This is a great way to get more exposure for your farm.

We already have a page created for each member with contact information, and we encourage you to enhance your page with more information about your farm. In addition to a description of your operation, you could add a logo, photos, directions to your farm, and links to your own website and social media pages. Having a profile page can be a substitute for your own website without the hassle of creating your own, and give you an internet presence to attract potential customers.

Take a look at some of the profiles created by other member farms. Go to the list of members on the

NCHCA.org website and click on some farm names. Then start to work on your own and tell us about your farm. Send your information to profiles@nchca.org, or go to the website and submit your information there at www.nchca.org/profile-content.html.

Classified advertising is another member benefit available through the website. One 90 day classified ad is available to members at no cost each year. In addition to being posted on the website, we send a notice out to all active members via email and post a notice on the North Central Highland Cattle Association Facebook page.

We are always looking for ways to make the website work better for our membership. If you have any suggestions, send them to website@nchca.org.

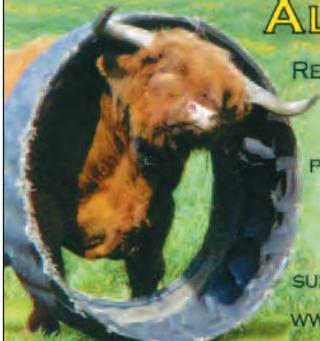
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February 2019 AHCA Directors Report to the NCHCA

In the last year:

Governance

- Changed the by-laws so that anyone serving as a director for less than one year shall not have that time counted as a term. They are still eligible to run for two consecutive terms. This becomes an issue when existing directors either resign or become part of the executive team (VP, Sec, Treas).
- Nominations Committee
 - Updated their charter
 - Now director nominations have the submitter's name and short description of why they feel the person would be a good director. In the past all that was provided was the nominee's name.
- Ethics Committee
 - Updated their charter (*from Jan 2019 meeting, minutes not yet approved*)
- Three open BOD positions
- Working on a survey to be sent to membership
- Election of Executive Officers – process is being reviewed. Will be a committee working on this if you have interest (*from Jan 2019 meeting, minutes not yet approved*).
- Group in SE is requesting to form a Region
- Committee membership – printed yearly in the Bagpipe Spring issue with the Master Calendar
- Long Range Plan – looking for input on the plan, send in your thoughts.
- New committee – looking for committee names and people to be on the committee. Work to promote highland genetics. Education committee was mentioned, but is not final (*from Jan 2019 meeting, minutes not yet approved*).

Breed Protection and Promotion

- Approved the rule that Sovereigns shall have at least one parent being registered with AHCA as a purebred or Sovereign with no less than 25% and no more than 75% Highland blood
- Sovereign committee was ad hoc, and has been dissolved
- Website is undergoing a rehaul – will be mobile friendly. Going slowly as they are still maintaining the existing site.
- Discontinuing print ads in favor of online ads in place of them

Show

- Disabled juniors may show as a junior until age of 26 (follows 4-H program)
- Had been some talk of doing away with ROE, decided that it will continue as it is
- Maximum age of 30 months for all steers at AHCA sanctioned shows
- Looking at specifying that group classes are for registered breeding cattle (*from Jan 2019 meeting, minutes not yet approved*)
- Will be changing super point show requirements (*from Jan 2019 meeting, minutes not yet approved*)
 - Any show with 50 animals automatically is a super point show the following year
 - No limitations on how many can be in each Region

Highland Beef Marketing

- New marketing materials are available to AHCA members
 - Need to request access by emailing Ginnah Moses – <http://highlandcattleusa.org>
 - Go to Marketing, then **Skillet Beef Marketing Materials**
 - Fill in your name and email, and the office will send you your log-in information
 - Make sure the response email doesn't go to your spam/junk folder

2019 Gathering

- November 1-4 in Reno, NV with the American Angus Convention

Highland Cattle Foundation

- Continues to provide scholarships to AHCA juniors
 - 3 - \$1500 scholarships were awarded June, 2018 at the Annual Gathering
- Always looking for AHCA member support to help them continue funding the scholarships and projects like the Highland beef study that was done and used in the skillet beef marketing materials

**Respectfully Submitted by your
NCHCA AHCA Director,**

Jamie Schulz

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Find High Quality Cattle in June

April flowers are here, buried under the snow somewhere, and new born calves are chasing each other in a green pasture. The bluffs light up with green leaves and cool streams wash away our winter blues. Just another day in Scotland, or perhaps a look closer to home here in the Upper Midwest? The similarity in climates are not the only thing these beautiful regions have in common today.

Many of our NCHCA members purchased their first Highlands because of their Scottish roots, but there are many other great breed attributes that make them the perfect cattle for the Upper Midwest.

Princeton, MN farmer Josh Krenz says it was not only the similarity in climate that drew him to Highland Beef Cattle, but also this breed's ability to produce lean beef, locally, "Highland cattle fit our personal goals for our family to raise high-quality beef that is lower in fat and cholesterol. Plus, what's more local than my own backyard."

A 2016 research study, backs Krenz's claims on Highland beef. The study concluded that Highland beef is not only lean, but also very tender. Under the guidance of Dr. Bryon Weigand, Professor of Animal Science at the University of Missouri, the study showed Highland beef is very tender. It showed an average shear force value of 3.6 kg in the ribeye muscle. To frame this up, most store purchased beef measures around 4-6 kg of shear force with the lower scores being more tender.

Four T Acres will be opening their farm again on June 22 for the 2019 sale. We expect over 40 lots of quality Highland Cattle this year from all of the USA. More information on the gentle nature or healthy beef benefits of Highland cattle, or the upcoming June 22 auction can be found at HighlandSale.org.



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There is no better location to see quality Highland cattle in person in the Upper Midwest than the Highland Production Sale, presented by North Central Highland Cattle Association. You can also bid online, if you cannot make it in person. Trailers will be available to haul cattle in all directions across the Midwest. We look forward to seeing you in Burlington, WI. You can also follow updates and sales lots on the Highland Production Sale Facebook page or HighlandSale.org.

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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Use the **group code 9810011** when you make purchases.



Thank you for your support!



Members of the Year – Jamie and Mark Schulz

I first saw Highland Cattle at the North Central display at the MN State Fair when I was in high school showing my rabbits in 4-H. Jamie and I stopped at the display just about every year for the next 15 years and finally got in a position to purchase some Highlands in 2006. We attended the North Central fall show to get more info and see more cattle - the show was then held at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in MN. This is where we met Ed and Mary Larson (Circle ME Ranch) who were very helpful in providing information about the breed. We also watched the show, with Larry Zea providing additional information between classes, as the announcer. Later that fall we purchased our first two heifer calves from Ed and Mary with the intent of having a few head to provide meat for us and a few others (we now keep about 25-30 head). We were attracted by the looks of the animal, docility, hardiness, and wanted something different as I had grown up on a Holstein dairy farm (Jamie grew up on a lake about five miles from me where she spent most of her summers as a kid fishing and swimming). Little did we know at that time how different Highlands truly are.

The Larsons didn't stop with the sale of the animals to us, but talked us into attending the NWSS in Denver and the North Central annual meeting. They not only showed us the value of the regional and national associations, but the value of the networking these organizations provide.

The relationships created through our membership in organizations has been so rewarding. I won't bore you with the events we have been involved with over the years, but each one has added to our personal tool box as a farm and to our Highland experience. To get the most out of these organizations you have to be INVOLVED! Never sell yourself short in what you can offer to others! I have heard people say that they don't agree with what others are doing or saying. Sometimes I learn more from the people I disagree with than I do from those with which I agree.

I have a BS in Food Science from North Dakota State University and work in Food Safety for Hormel Foods Corporation. I have raised rabbits for show and meat since I was eight years old. When I joined 4-H I wanted to show a calf at the county fair and my dad told me I was too young and to find another project. I got into rabbits and never looked back. That is until I was 35, when I started showing Highlands.

Jamie holds a BS in Wildlife Biology and an MS in Geographic Information Systems and is currently the GIS Coordinator for the MN Department of Natural Resources Section of Fisheries. Jamie fulfilled her lifelong dream of owning horses and loves attending horse clinics where she studies horsemanship and furthers her understanding of human relationships with animals. We both really like to share what we have learned on our farm whether that be with cattle, vegetables, rabbits, flowers, chickens, pasture, horses, trees, etc. Just ask us! – *Mark Schutz*

Member Benefits...Classified Ads

Have you ever wondered about the emails you receive with a classified ad? As part of your member benefits, you can have a **FREE 90-day classified ad each year**. Your ad will appear on the association website, **NCHCA.org**, and on the NCHCA Facebook page. A copy will also be sent out in an email to all active members. Cattle, semen, embryos, equipment or anything farm related can be included. The website consistently gets over 500 unique visitors a month, so you can get exposure to more people who are interested in highlands. There is no cost to you, so why not give it a try? Send your advertisement and any photos to **classified@nchca.org**.



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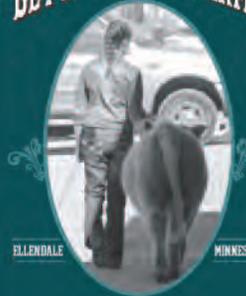
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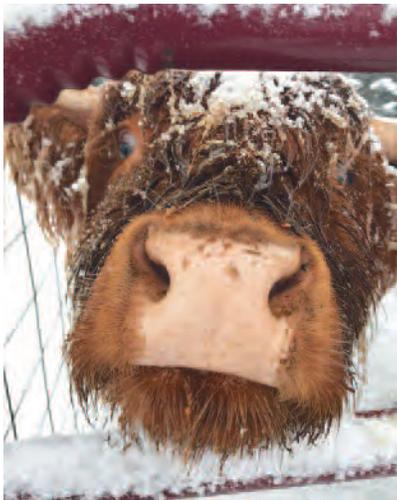
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The North Central Highland Cattle Association (NCHCA) was formed in 1982 to promote Scottish Highland Cattle, form a marketing unit for breeders, and to provide a local organization closer to home. The organization has done this and provides opportunities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



Beyond Hope Farm

Calendar of Events:

Cattleman's Camp - May 4

Highland Cattle Production Sale - June 22

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days - July 23-25

Highland Spring Farm Picnic and Tour - July 28 and 29

Minnesota State Fair - August 22 - September 2

NCHCA Show - September 21

JULY Hoofbeat Newsletter

The deadline for our next issue will be **June 15, 2019**
Please submit all articles and photos using the contact information below.

Preferred formats are: Articles – Microsoft Word,
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Tables/graphs – Microsoft Excel.
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