

102nd Vermont Holstein annual Meeting.

The 102nd Annual Meeting of the Vermont Holstein Association was held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the East Side Restaurant in Newport, followed by a lunch and then farm tours to two of the up and coming young breeders in the area.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Secretary Seifert conducted the meeting. Minutes of last year's meeting and the Fall Board meeting were approved as printed. Treasurer Karla Barrett gave the Treasurer's report for both the General Account and the Show Summit account. Both were approved as was the proposed budget for the year.

Annual meeting committee chair Beth Kennett had done her usual good work in planning the meeting. There was no report from the Awards Committee but several names were suggested for the Service Award. A good amount of discussion followed on participation at the Farm Show. With assistance from our Field Representative, Seth Carpenter, it was decided to continue participation. It is an opportune time to visit with both members and non-members. With the loan of some banners from Holstein USA we can put together an exhibit at minimal cost to us which produced considerable business for the Association. The biggest problem is getting members to help man the booth. Membership numbers were reviewed with membership is holding its own, however we need to encourage more participation by members in order to maintain enough active members to continue getting three delegates to the national convention.

Sales were discussed and it was the feeling of the chair that it was not the time to do a sale but the committee should stay in place if and when it became the right time. Richard Hall will be holding a Show Committee meeting shortly, but feels that the format from last year should be done again this year. The judge will be Chris Hill, MD. No Youth Committee report. Martha Seifert reported on the Show Summit. It is scheduled for April 28 and 29th at the Rutland Fairgrounds. Moving to Rutland allowed more room to spread out and a nicer choice of hotels, all with pools. The committee could use more members to volunteer as helpers.

Richard Hall will continue as President as will Karla and Marion in their positions. Delegates to the National Convention are Andy Birch, Dave Kennett and Cindy Kayhart.