

# ABC Annual Meeting features PDA Secretary

CENTERVILLE — Paul Weaver of Royersford, District 1, was elected to the Board of Directors of Atlantic Breeders Cooperative Wednesday during the Co-op's 17th Annual Meeting, held here in Lancaster County at the Quality Inn

Four other directors were re-elected to serve another three-year term. They are Harold G Bollinger, Newmanstown, District 3; Clyde S Robison, Coal Center, District 11; H Donald Allison, Clymer, District 12, and Leroy Shrock, Dayton, District 13.

Forty-eight resource/promotion committeemen were selected to serve a one-year term.

According to David Slusser, vice

president, who chaired the meeting for recuperating president Herman Stebbins, the annual meeting was a low-key wrap up for all the local meetings attended by 3650 ABC members

In his report to the group, entitled 'Past, Present, and Future', Slusser said ABC members can boast some of the highest producing dairy cattle in the world. He added, ABC has played a significant role in the genetic improvement of dairy herds and handles the most popular bulls in the world

Slusser remarked the original purpose for creating the cooperative was to prevent the spread of disease, make top bulls available to members, and



Five directors were elected to sit on the 15-member ABC Board during the Annual Meeting, held Wednesday at the Quality Inn in Centerville. Newly elected to the post is Paul Weaver, left, Royersford. Re-elected to serve a 3-year term are: Harold G. Bollinger, Newmanstown, Clyde S. Robison, Coal Center; H. Donald Allison, Clymer; and Leroy Shrock, Dayton, far right.



Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell is a dairy farmer who can wear two hats — at least two ABC hats — one for Summer and the other for Winter. Making the presentation during the Annual Meeting of Atlantic Breeders Cooperative is David Slusser, vice president.

eliminate the hazards of handling bulls on the farm.

"We've helped keep the family farm alive," he said, "with profitable cows."

Slusser commented the future looks bright for the \$5½ million Co-op thanks to a thriving international and domestic market. He stressed the need to sample more bulls in the future to keep abreast of the selection pressure — calling for more barns, people and money.

"In the future," Slusser said, "we need to know more on the protein information on bulls and their dams, along with more records on health and reproductive problems. We need to emphasize the traits with more economic importance than type rating for straight top lines."

In his financial report, ABC Director of Finance David

Mellinger stated the Co-op has increased its revenue by 13.2 percent, jumping from \$4,900,000 in 1979 to \$5,527,457 in 1980.

Mellinger pointed out the expenses of the company also increased by 13 percent. However the Co-op realized a net profit of \$625,391 — up 15.4 percent from 1979. This has stayed 3 points above the inflation rate of 12.4 percent, he noted.

ABC Manager David Yoder commented he has "no doom and gloom report" for the Co-op. However he said keeping up with economic concerns has never allowed the Co-op to grow stagnant.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell, a dairy farmer and ABC member for 30 years, renewed acquaintances during the afternoon session of the annual meeting. He spoke to the

group on current marketing and problems in the agricultural world.

Hallowell stated although the agricultural budget has been cut by the state legislature, there will be no decreased support for the Farm Show. The cuts, he said, will be in services and inspections.

Addressing the prospects of a new Farm Show Complex, Hallowell said, "Getting the millions needed to build the new facility is a dream, getting the necessary bills through the legislature will be a nightmare."

Hallowell sympathized with the problems farmers are facing with inflation and energy. He reported on the progress of the methane production at the Waybright dairy farm in Adams County.

"That would be a farmer's dream come true — to be able to send a bill to PP&L and Met-Ed," Hallowell said.—SM

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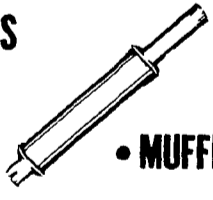
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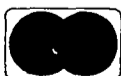


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6,000	8'0"	16'2"	1/4"	5,123	1800.00
8,000	8'0"	21'6"	1/4"	6,475	2230.00
10,000	8'0"	26'10"	1/4"	7,825	2660.00
10,000	10'0"	17'0"	1/4"	6,956	2405.00
12,000	10'0"	20'6"	1/4"	8,074	2800.00
12,000	10'6"	18'7"	1/4"	7,900	2690.00
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