

Adams Holstein Club Discusses National Convention

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — Plans for hosting the national convention, the presentation of a scholarship and other awards, plus election of new directors were the major items brought before the membership of the Adams County Holstein Club during the 43rd annual meeting held at the firehall in Barlow. The event was presided over by Marvin Brown.

Plans for the National Convention were outlined by John Cope, vice-president of the board of directors, Holstein Association USA Inc., who thanked the local club for financial support pledged toward expenses of the national convention. He reported that the convention will be held in Pittsburgh near the end of June 1995.

Cope described an innovative identification system and the options available to speed the registration of cattle. He told of steps taken to downsize the national

organization and reduce the debt-load. He also told of the creation of a Holstein Foundation to fund research and development and educational programs for youth.

David Lentz of Lebanon, a distinguished Holstein Youth, described a registration catch-up program and announced that six options are now offered for type classification.

Robin Thompson distributed the annual treasurer's report and Dan Waybright certified its accuracy for the auditing committee.

Kevin Holtzinger presented a detailed report on member placings at dairy shows throughout the year. He complimented Mary Kay Roche for organizing the first county Holstein Show which was held in conjunction with the South Mountain Fair in September. It was announced that Shannon Holtzinger will show in the, Intermediate calf class at the National Junior Show in

Louisville, Kentucky the first weekend in November.

Jeff Roche listed accomplishments of the Junior Holstein Club members which included contributions toward a new youth show barn at South Mountain Fairgrounds. He distributed awards to the youth, including a first time presentation of a \$250 scholarship. Everett "Beau" Ramsburg, of Gettysburg, a student in dairy and animal, science at Penn State, was the recipient.

Roche also announced that the Pennsylvania Holstein Association is accepting heifers for shipment to Saudi Arabia.

In concluding his service as state director, Steve Wood urged membership renewal by Nov. 1 to obtain the benefit of a fee incentive.

Director Robert Stratton thanked the Lobaugh family of Ber-Creek Farm for hosting the classification meeting.

Dan Waybright presented report on special activities and thanked the Clowney family for hosting the summer twilight meeting. His report was complemented by the slide-illustrated report on

program highlights of the past year as presented by County Agent; Thomas E. Piper. This included scenes from the state convention, hosted by the county club in Get-

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either at the store or at the pick-your-own location. Some of the pumpkins weigh up to 300 pounds. To move them, Yerkes places a burlap cloth underneath, and strong arms are needed to lift the pumpkin for delivery.

For the festival, response has been tremendous, said Yerkes. On Sunday, more than 1,400 cars came in off of York Road, stalling traffic for a time. The biggest problem was having enough helpers for the fest, which Yerkes hopes to correct next year.

During the festival, three

wagons are used, each with 15-minute ride durations. Finding helpers to work with traffic and to make sure the events run smoothly is a challenge.

"It's growing so fast that we're having trouble keeping up with it," he said. "The whole thing is geared toward kids. It's a fun time for families, particularly the kids."

Yerkes employs two full-time employees at the farm market and five full-time at the farm. In the summer, 30 help part-time at the market and in planting and harvesting the crops.



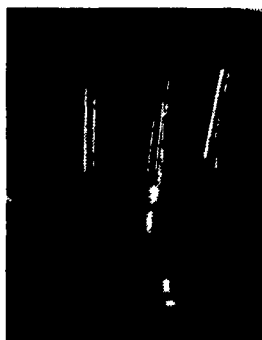
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