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name of the Superior Technician Award to the Herb Gilmore Superior Technician Award.

He also said that National Holstien approved one innovative program for DHR herds and that is one weight, one sample, for 3X herds.

Committee Reports

Norm Hershey said the Finance Committee reviewed the financial reports for January and February, and the audited financial report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1994. The review was done with C.J. Wagner, the board auditor, and Ted Brown, director of finance and personnel.

From the DRPC Committee, Don Duncan summarized the DRPC Advisory Committee recommendations on the following subjects: adding a relative value ranking for cows; the USDA error report; the heifer program; Herd Summaries I & II; and veterinarian reports.

From the Policy Committee, three motions were made and passed to change the bylaws that effect the makeup of the Executive Committee, the term limit of the president, and the voting rights of the immediate past president.

As a result, a board member-at-large was added to the Executive Committee.

Board member attending the National DHIA convention reported on the program.

Chester County Merger

The Chester County DHIA Board of Directors voted to recommend a merger with Pa.DHIA to its members. A membership vote has been scheduled for May 18. The merger agreement was approved by the Pa.DHIA board.

Pa.DHIA Contributions

Ted Brown, as a result of a request made by the board, presented the board with a list of contributions Pa.DHIA made last fiscal year.

The board recommended that management evaluate the program for next year's budget.

Annual Meeting

Dixie Burris reported on the attendance at the annual meeting, held March 10. Overall, the questionnaire that the delegates returned was very positive.

PDA Ear Tags

Dave Slusser reported that the Pa. Department of Agriculture responded well to the resolution passed at the annual meeting concerning state ear tags. The number of tags will be increased, and we are to report quality problems as they arise.

Other Business

In other business, Don Duncan was nominated as a candidate to the Uniform Collection Procedures Committee, and Frank Orner was nominated as a candidate to the Legal Procedures Committee of National DHIA.

The national president will pick the committees from a list of nominations made by affiliates.

Board Reorganized

The board of directors reorganized, and elected officers for the year.

Lane Sollenberger, of District 9, Franklin County, was named president. William K. Jackson, of District 3, Fayette County, is vice

president. Neal McCulloch, of District 10, Cumberland County, is secretary. Dale Hoover, of District 15, Lebanon County, is treasurer.

John Wilcox, of District 13, Bradford County, was named executive committee member-at-large, while Norman Hershey, District 18, Lancaster County was elected chairman of the Pa.DHIA Retirement Committee.

Average Farm Feed Costs For Handy Reference

To help farmers across the state to have handy reference of commodity input costs in their feeding operations for DHIA record sheets or to develop livestock feed cost data, here's last week's average costs of various ingredients as compiled from regional reports across the state of Pennsylvania. Remember these are averages so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your crop.

Corn, No. 2y - 2.55 bu. 4.56 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.43 bu. 5.73 cwt.

Barley, No. 3 - 1.81 bu. 3.87 cwt.

Oats, No. 2 - 1.58 bu. 4.93 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.38 bu. 8.99 cwt.

Ear Corn 62.99 ton 3.15 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay - 91.25 ton 4.56 cwt.

Mixed Hay - 85.50 ton 4.28 cwt.
Timothy Hay - 89.25 ton 4.46 cwt.

Pa.DHIA Summary Board Report

DAVE SLUSSER

Pa.DHIA Manager

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The Pa.DHIA Board met April 25 and 26 in State College. President Frank Orner called the meeting to order, and Secretary Lane Sollenberger called the roll with all 18 directors present.

Penn State Report

Larry Specht, extension dairyman, introduced Dr. Dan Hagen, interim head of the Department of Dairy and Animal Science in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State University.

Hagen reported on the changes being made in his department.

Financial Reports

Ted Brown, director of finance and personnel, gave the financial reports for January and February.

Staff Reports

Dixie Burris, director of member relations and the laboratory, reported on the advertising prog-

ram, the extension dairy agents meeting, news articles, a veterinarian and nutritionist seminar, the Cooperative Directors School, and the Young Couples Cooperative Conference.

Dixie noted the upcoming national quality control certification in the lab.

Jim Boyer, with the Pa. Dairy Records Processing Center (DRPC), said that the DRPC Advisory Committee is looking into ways of unbundling the heifer management program, and to make it more attractive to members.

Jim also reported on the veterinarian and nutritionist seminar, the Herd Summary I seminar with technicians, and the national DRPC workshop.

On field operations, Dean Amick reported on the regional managers bimonthly meetings with technicians, the spring conferences, the positive attitude of technicians, and the Westfalia training seminar.

Amick said we are changing the

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