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Hot Topics of 2016...

2016 Annual Picnic



July 10, 2016 @ 1 p.m.
290 Farmers Rd., Pontypool ON

Hosted by:

Over the Top Cattle Company
Tyler Sutcliffe & Ashley McNeven
705-295-6208 or 705-879-6288

We would like to remind everyone to bring an item or two for our Mini-Auction. It is also asked that everyone attending bring either a dessert or salad. Please RSVP by July 1, 2016 if you plan to attend.

Directions:

From the East follow Hwy 115 West to Tapley 1/4 Line, turn right onto County Rd 21, take the second left onto Glamorgan Rd., take the first right onto Farmer's Rd. Destination will be on the left.

From the West follow Hwy 115 East to Porter's Rd., turn right, Farmer's Rd is the first left. Destination will be on the right.



The OBdAA
2016 Raffle Draw



The Choice is Yours!
1st Prize a \$2500 Voucher or \$1000 Cash
2nd Prize a \$1000 Voucher or \$300 Cash
Tickets \$10 each or 3/\$25 only 1000 tickets printed!

Vouchers can be put toward the purchase of a registered Blonde d'Aquitaine Bull or Female from any Ontario member in good standing, or any consignment at the 2016 Cream of the Crop Sale. Draw will take place October 29, 2016 immediately preceding the sale. Proceeds go to the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association Junior Blonde Programs! Complete Raffle Rules will be posted to www.ontarioblondes.com

Ontario Members, please contact Ashley McNeven or any board member if you are able to sell tickets

Animals pictured are examples only and may not be for sale



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2016 Annual General Meeting Highlights

By: Kirk McGee

The 2016 Annual General Meeting for the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association was held on March 26 at Bobby C's Dockside Restaurant in Bowmanville. Nineteen voting members and four proxies were represented by the nearly thirty breeders in attendance. A full agenda, which included proposed changes to the Constitution prompted an earlier start time to allow for potential discussions. President Steve Acres called the meeting to order, conducted roll call, and read his President's Report. As former Secretary, Steve also read the minutes from the 2015 AGM. Paul Fee, Paul Ferguson, Kirk McGee, Eric Doran, and Nicholas Boyd then presented their Committee Chair Reports regarding the Financial Statements, Performance, Cattle Shows/4H, Advertising, Website/Facebook, Trade Shows, the National Weekend, the 2015 Cream of the Crop, and Dave Payne gave his 'View from the Cheap Seats,' relaying some tales about running the Blonde booth at Trade Shows.

A short break gave everyone a chance to catch up and stretch their legs before the proposed amendments to the Constitution were brought forward. Eric Doran explained the changes individually and opened the floor to discussion for each one. Everyone had an opportunity to have their opinions heard and in the end, all but one amendment were carried. A new section of 'Board Policies' was also introduced to act as a guideline for future boards.

New business was next on the agenda, where the biggest topic was the board's decision to discontinue the Raffle Heifer Draw. Nicholas gave a presentation regarding the reasons for the decision. As expected, there were mixed feelings on this issue, but after a motion to reinstate the draw was voted down by the membership, it was clear that it was, in fact, time for a change. Ashley McNevan suggested a new option and the membership voted to try a new raffle idea for 2016. More details can be found on the previous page.

At election time, there were four positions on the board of directors to be filled; three directors (two year terms) and President (1 year term). Nearly the entire membership received nominations, but when it was all said and done, Steve Acres was re-acclaimed as President; Paul Fee and Nicholas Boyd remained in their seats; and Dave Payne joined the board replacing long time director, Paul Ferguson. Thanks to Paul for his time on the board and his dedication to the breed, especially in promoting Performance! The 2016 Board positions are as follows: President: Steve Acres, Vice-President: Nicholas Boyd (Sale Committee Chair, Communications), Secretary/Treasurer: Eric Doran (Sale Committee), Jeremy DeWeerd (Promotional Chair, Trade Shows Co-Chair, Advertising Committee), Director: Paul Fee (Nominating Chair, Cattle Shows & 4H Co-Chair), Kirk McGee (Advertising Chair, Cattle Shows & 4H Co-Chair, Communications), Dave Payne (Performance Chair, Sale Committee, Trade Shows Committee Co-Chair). Along with volunteers Paul Ferguson (Performance Contact), and Ashley McNevan (Raffle Contact).

The meeting was adjourned just in time for another of the Association's ever-popular mini-auctions to commence. The multi-talented Dave McNevan once again lent us his auctioneer skills and managed to bring in a fantastic total of \$2,250! Bidding was heated on a number of items, including the OBdAA 'often-sold-but-never-used' manure fork, a custom built show box, the most expensive bag of grain in auction history, and an anonymously donated t-shirt featuring our very own Mr. January, Paul Fee, which sold to Mary Ellen Ferguson, much to Paul's dismay (well both Pauls)! Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased items.

The evening meal arrived, which gave another opportunity to catch up and chat with fellow breeders. Overall, it was a productive day with a great group of people. Thank you to those in attendance either in person, or by proxy. Plan on joining us for the 2017 AGM!

2015-2016 Performance Program

By: Eric Doran

This winter, only 5 registered bulls were tested in Ontario. All of these bulls were tested at Crystal Farms in Jasper, ON. Sons of Frostybrae Blackie, Arshas Polled Trooper, Heartwoods Eye Catcher, Crystal Ambush and Crystal Waldo were on test. The test completed in late-March with a son of Blackie coming out on top with an ADG of 4.41lbs./day. These five bulls were eligible for our \$100 rebate when a registered bull is tested in Ontario. Thanks to Paul & Mary Ellen for showing off the Blondes in their BIO home test!

Greetings Fellow Blonde Breeder;

On behalf of the Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Board of Directors and Sale Committee I am writing this to inform you that our 16th Annual Cream of the Crop Sale will be held on October 29, 2016 at 4 p.m. in Campbellford at Hoards Station Sale Barn. We are very excited to return once again to Hoards Station for our sale, they offer a first class facility to view and sell the cattle. Thank you to Dave, Kim & Brad for allowing us the opportunity to once again showcase our breed in the heart of Northumberland County.

Once again, the Board of Directors has allowed me the opportunity to complete the catalogue for our sale. This is something I enjoy volunteering for each year as a way to support the breed. We all need to contribute to the group in order for us, as a breed, to be successful in the beef industry. I encourage everyone to find a way to participate this summer; whether it be attending our Annual Picnic, taking a couple of heifers out to one of our Blonde Shows or simply consigning animals to our sale. However you decide to take part, know that your efforts are always appreciated.

On the reverse of this page, you will notice that the Entry Form for our 16th Annual Cream of the Crop Sale has been printed. Please take the time as soon as possible to sort through your herd and choose one, two or up to a half dozen entries for our Cream of the Crop Sale.

About 10 years ago, the Board of Directors implemented a task force to go to each farm and choose the entries that each breeder was going to consign. In the past this has been neglected, this year the sale committee would love to come out and help you select animals (and take pictures, if needed). This is not mandatory but, we would be pleased to help in any way possible.

- If you are located in the western portion of Ontario please contact Nicholas Boyd (519-835-9099) West of the Highway 400.

- If you are located in the central portion of Ontario please contact Eric Doran (613-438-2599) East of Highway 400 but, West of Kingston.

- If you are located in the eastern portion of Ontario please contact Dave Payne (613-859-9870) East of Kingston.

- For our out of province consignors, unfortunately we are unable to offer the picture taking and sale selection services. If you have any questions regarding which animals you should be consigning to our sale please do not hesitate to contact the Sale Committee (Nicholas, Eric & Dave) and we would be pleased to assist.

The entries for this year's sale are due at the latest, on Monday July 25, 2016. The entries are to be forwarded to myself by mail or email. The addresses for this are located at the bottom of the entry form. If you have any questions regarding the submission of entries please feel free to give me a call or email and I would be happy to help.

This year the Board of Directors is offering a promotional program to encourage members to submit their entries by the deadline and to submit as many as possible. If there are 40 entries received by the deadline of Monday July 25, 2016, the commission for the sale will be dropped to 12%. If there are not 40 entries by the deadline, the commission will remain at 13%.

This year the Board of Directors has also included a new rule for sale entries: all sale entries (no matter of birth date) require hard copies of their registration papers available on sale day or else they will not sell and their entry fee will not be refunded. The Sale Committee is going to be very strict on this, to avoid issues be sure to register your calves as they head to pasture.

We are looking forward to a top quality sale again this year. Once again, if you have any questions or concerns regarding entering your animals in our Cream of the Crop Sale we encourage you to contact myself or any other Board member for direction.

Best Regards,

Eric Doran
Secretary/Treasurer
Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Association

2016 CREAM OF THE CROP SALE ENTRY FORM

BREEDER INFORMATION: *(if you are filling out multiple forms only fill out address on one)*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ANIMAL INFORMATION:

BRED COW BRED HEIFER OPEN HEIFER COW/CALF PAIR BULL

POLLED PUREBRED FULLBLOOD COMMERCIAL

AI SIRE EMBRYO

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____ DNA STATUS: _____ TATTOO: _____

PEDIGREE:

SIRE: _____ REG.: _____

DAM: _____ REG.: _____

STATISTICS:

ACT. BW: ___ LBS. ACT. WW: ___ LBS

BREEDING INFORMATION:

BULL: _____ REG.: _____

EXPOSED FROM: _____ TO _____ OR BRED ON: _____

COMMENTS:

'A' LOT INFO:

All **COMPLETE** entries are to be forwarded to Eric Doran by **MONDAY JULY 25, 2016 AT THE LATEST!** Please forward all entry fees (payable to Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Association) to Eric Doran as well, along with **QUALITY** pictures of your entries. Entry fee is \$50/entry. Entry fees are refundable once the animal is sold through the sale, if the animal is pulled from the sale then the entry fee is non-refundable. For more information on this please contact Eric Doran or the OBdAA website.

Sale commission will be 12% if there are 40 lots entered **BY THE DEADLINE**, if there are not 40 lots, the commission will be 13%.

Send Entries to:

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