

June 19th, 2016

KLBA Members

Hope everyone is enjoying a great Fathers Day. This Kansas weather has been crazy, some getting lots of rain and some not getting much at all. Sorry to say we are the ones with not much at all, hate watering my garden in June knowing I have to get thru July and August, but garden does look good. Haying is going strong around eastern Kansas, on our way to the Heartland Show in Springfield hay was being mowed, raked and lots already baled up and now wheat harvest has started around our area this past week. No rest for the farmers or ranchers. Bruce Schrag attended the field day and told us that he had lots of fence that was taken out by the wildfires that went thru Kansas this spring.

Well the Kansas Limousin Field day was a great day for everyone that attended. The judge for the field day show was Clint Woodrow from Emporia, for those that didn't make it sure missed a great show. Clint was very entertaining on the showmanship classes, I hope the juniors enjoyed it because the adults around the ring sure did. Thanks to David and Michelle Ratliff and Troy and Jennifer Richardson for hosting and organizing the event.

It was great to honor a long time breeder and a great advocate for the Limousin Breed into the KLBA Hall of Fame, this year's honoree's were Phil and Joyce Shipman, Shipman Cattle Company of Girard, Ks. There is a picture and article on the KLBA website of this event which took place at the KLBA Field Day.

The KLBA Annual Meeting was held on May 21st after a great meal that was put together by the Ratliff's and the Richardson's. There was plenty of items to go over and hopefully everyone who is a member of KLBA will help with these in the coming year.

I will try to hit the highlights and the important items that were discussed and voted on during this meeting. I will try to get this letter along with the Annual Meeting Minutes posted to the website so everyone can have a chance to read what went on during the meeting.

First important item for this organization is participation and fund raising for this coming year. We have committed to the Heartland Limousin Association to help fund the 2017 NALJA show in Grand Island, Nebraska on July 2nd thru July 6th. At last year's annual meeting we committed \$5000 to this events as did the other 6 states in the association. At this year's field day we held a deck of card game, with 17 individuals that participated we netted the association \$500, that's a start. Clay Schilling is planning on doing another deck of card game at the Junior Nationals in Lexington but we will be selling each card for more than what we did at the field day so hopefully this will net us more \$\$ for the show.

We also have committed to a raffle for a Traeger Grill, the tickets are printed and I have handed several booklets out to the people that were at the Heartland Junior Regional Show in Springfield. I will be mailing out these tickets to the membership this next week. They are to be sold for \$5 per ticket or a booklet of 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at the Kansas State Fair Open Show on September 17th. I will need the ticket stubs back to me at least one week before the Kansas State Fair or sooner. If you need more tickets to sell just email me at limobullptal@gmail.com or call me at 913-594-2365 and I will definitely get more to you. Any question you can contact me or KC Youngblood.

I would like to thank some people for stepping forward and donating money towards the Junior awards for the Kansas State Fair, the board decided that we did not have the funds to fund the belt buckles for the Limousin, Lim-Flex heifers and Limousin Steers this year. After contacting the State Fair to find out what would happen if we did not sponsor, there response was that all Limousin and Lim-Flex Heifers would be put into the All Other Breeds classes. The following breeders stepped up and donated the money for the awards which come to a total of \$600-Troy and Jennifer Richardson, KC and Courtney Youngblood, Trevor and Pam Gum and Kyle and Teri Dye. Please make sure you give these breeders a thank you when you see them. The Limousin Steers awards which our share would be \$500 is not going to be sponsored by KLBA this year, unless several breeders would like to make this donation. So, for now at the 2016 Kansas State Fair the Limousin Steers will be shown in AOB classes.

Another item that was discussed is for KLBA to put out a calendar, this would be something that the members could give out to their customers and we could display and give out on our KLBA booth. The idea is to sell ad spots for each month of the year by auction or just a set price which would have to be enough to cover the printing expense. The membership listing would be on

the back page of the calendar. If this is something you would be interested in please contact a board of director and let them know so we can work on this idea some more when we have a conference call.

Kelly Schrag would like to pay it forward, when Bruce and Kelly Schrag were expecting they were not expecting Ashley to be several months premature, but it does happen. They were very grateful to the Schilling family who donated proceeds from a heifer that they sold at the Kansas State Sale in Salina. Kelly has come up with an idea to pay forward to Cash and Amanda Schilling who also ended up in the same situation, their son Cashyn was born premature in January at 1#12oz. You might say Bruce and Kelly lived closer, Moundridge, Ks , to the Wichita hospital where Ashley was born. Cash and Amanda's son was also born at a Wichita hospital, but they live in Edson, Ks and they were there for 97 days . Kelly's idea is to sell quilt blocks that a ranch or people can buy and then they embroider or screen print their ranch logo on and then these are all made into a quilt. Since the Schillings are known by many of the extended Limousin family ,not just in the state of Kansas, this will be offered to anyone wanting to help out. Then from there she would like for Dean and Beverly with the Heartland Association could display this in their traveling of the Heartland States. The final step would be to auction this quilt at a Limousin event and the proceeds will go to Cash, Amanda and Cashyn Schilling. Clay did give a report on his nephew and they had just went back to Wichita for a checkup and things were looking good for the little guy. So if anyone has some ideas or suggestion on this project please contact Kelly Schrag at blazink@mtelco.net or 620-242-9114, she is looking for someone that might be able to put the quilt together after we get the blocks turned in.

The board of directors decided that we would hold another seminar this fall in Manhattan and the subject for the seminar would be the new Veterinary Feed Directive that will be implemented in 2017. If you have not heard about it you might want to research it definitely will be something all farmers and ranchers need to learn about before it takes effect. Clay is checking into dates and the availability of the Stout Center.

Another new item of new business was the possibility of bringing back the KLBA State Sale, possibly in southeast Kansas area. Committee members are Randy Corns, Kyle Dye, Alan Eggenberger and Pat Meek they are researching places and stipulations for the sale. If you have any suggestions, please contact one of these committee members or any board member.

Two of the KLBA Board of Directors-Chris Campbell and Hubert Thomas had served their terms and were not eligible to be back on the board this year. Thank you for serving on the board and helping with KLBA. Trevor Gum was eligible to be re-elected and agreed to be nominated. Two new board members were nominated-David Campbell and Ed Anderson. These 3 were elected to the board. After the meeting the board of directors elected KC Youngblood, President and Kyle Dye as Vice President.

We will be needing for someone to step forward and agree to be the Kansas Representative for Heartland Limousin Association. Heartland is also needing someone to be the Kansas representative for the 2017 NALJA show, this would be a contact person for Brenda Anderson, who is coordinating everything with all the states for the 2017 NALJA show. If you are interested contact KC Youngblood and he will contact Dean Summerbell.

Please check out our web site and let me know if I need to add or change anything. There are a few 2015 members that have not paid their 2016 dues and I have sent out 2 request. If you are not going to join please let me know, I will be removing the unpaid members listing from the member tab on the website at the end of June.

Everyone please have a great summer and stay safe in all your travels be it for a show, fair or just on vacation.

Pat Meek

Secretary/Treasurer