

December 27th, 2017

KLBA Members,

Wow! Christmas is over and the brand new year is around the corner. I started a membership letter about 3 weeks ago before we took a trip to Branson with Ben, Kristin and grandkids, that was a fun time. I can't find that letter anywhere after the aftermath of Christmas. So I am starting a new letter so I can get this out to the membership. Hope your fall calving went well and you are gearing up for the new year and spring calving. Hope mother nature makes this a pleasant experience with some warmer weather.

As we start a new year we all have expectations of having a more successful year in 2018 than we did in 2017. We usually see what we could change from the previous year to make the new year more successful and profitable than the year before. The board of directors on their last conference call have decided to try a change for the KLBA spring sale. No changes for the time or the place, but for type of consignments-Yes. The board had a lengthy discussion on how to approach this, it was decided that they would add new categories which will be Commercial Females (non-registered), #1-Commercial cow/calf pairs-the calf must be out of a registered Limousin or Lim-Flex bull, #2-Commercial bred heifers- must be bred to Registered Limousin or Lim-Flex bull and #3-open commercial heifers they must be 50% or greater Limousin. The consignor must provide a copy of the bulls registration papers to sale management. These females will not be cataloged, there will be a supplement sheet the day of the sale which will provide all information on the commercial sale lots. These commercial entries will still need to be nominated, same as all other consignments, except the entry fee will be \$50 for each 5 entries. The commission on these consignments will be a flat 5% and the check-off dollars. Hopefully this new category will be a successful change for both consignors and the sale in the new year.

Enclosed in this mailing is the invoice for the 2018 dues and the 2018 sale nomination form and the sale rules for the sale. If you have any questions please contact the sale committee of Randy Corns, KC Youngblood, Kyle Dye, Alan Eggenberger or Jerry Meek. (if I missed anyone, sorry). Please get your consignments in ASAP so the screening committee can plan their trip to screen the bull consignments before we need to go to catalog.

It would be nice if we could hear from the membership if they feel that the KLBA Annual Meeting should be held the night before the sale or at another time during the year. Do you think you would be able to attend on March 9th or could you attend at the field day or give the board of directors another suggested time? If we held a silent benefit auction would you be able to donate an item or make a bid on an item at the auction? Last year's social at the sale barn on Friday night was a fun event, everyone brought something to eat and we enjoyed some good food and games. The benefit auction was a silent auction and was running Friday evening and during the sale on Saturday, so sale attendees could also bid if they seen something they wanted. The person bringing the item had to give the starting bid for the item they brought for the auction. We can post the items for the auction on the website and on facebook so people know what we are offering and then they can call and put in a bid, if they get outbid we just give them a call to see if they want to up their bid on the item.

Another item that was brought up in the conference call, was how can we make it more attractive for people to exhibit Limousin cattle at the Kansas State Fair. Everyone agreed that the cost of hotel rooms is the number one problem with the Kansas State Fair. The other is that exhibitors that have off the farm jobs, have to miss quite a few days from work to attend and show at the fair, there is not much of a way to fix this problem. Let any KLBA board of director know if you have a suggestion on how to fix this problem.

Ron Holland had KLBA as one of the places people could donate to as a memorial for Ron Holland, the board of directors decided to add this to the Ron and Carolyn Holland Scholarship money and extend out the scholarship for at least 2 more semesters to a qualifying Senior.

I hope anyone doing business with Heritage Tractor that you thank them for their generous donation of the Traeger Grill that we raffled off this fall. Also thank board member Ed Anderson who was able to make this donation from Heritage happen. The winner of this grill was KLBA board member Alan Eggenberger of Berryton, Ks, he bought his tickets at the fair before the Limousin show, a great reward for a trip to Hutchinson.

Happy New Year

Pat Meek  
Secretary/Treasurer