

January 7th, 2019

KLBA Members,

Wow, as I am writing this letter, the weather is, wonderful, but we all know that can change in hours in Kansas, wish it could last till spring. Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season, and all are looking ahead to a healthy and prosperous 2019! While making your New Year Resolutions, maybe add one for the Kansas Limousin Breeders Association. Think of ways you can help KLBA move forward and expand in 2019. If you have ideas or suggestion bring them forward to the board, we just need membership participation to make our organization grow. We have two National Board members from the State of Kansas, this shows that we have people who want to help NALF, which should also make the state organizations grow. We all have different ideas of what KLBA is or should be doing to help their farm or ranch succeed in the future, but without input from our membership we can not help you as you would like us to do.

This fall we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at OT Farms in Fort Scott, Ks. Everyone had a great time visiting and enjoying the beautiful scenery on and off the lake. Thanks again to Hubert and Joanne Thomas and their family for the great food and hospitality. KLBA also inducted into the KLBA Hall of Fame, Walt and Jackie Rolf of Rolf Limousin, Congratulations to them. We also presented the 2018 KLBA Kansas Commercial Producer to Sutton 5S Cattle Company from Grenola, Ks. Gene Raymond and Arne Hanson of GV Limousin nominated the firm for the award. If you did not attend this event you really missed a great event, everyone had a great time.

Now on to future events for KLBA. Included with this letter you will find you 2019 Annual Dues Invoice and the 2019 nomination forms for the 3rd Annual Flint Hills Choice Sale. The sale committee and board of directors decided to move the date of the sale to March 30th in Eldorado, Ks. This date moves it away from school spring breaks, state high school basketball tournaments and before the main spring livestock shows. Hopefully this will help KLBA members have a better opportunity to consign and or to attend the event. It should also help our buyers have a better opportunity to attend the sale.

At the annual meeting last spring it was voted on to have another raffle fundraiser. The board of directors decided that we have more than one item for the raffle. It was decided we would have the first prize be a Green Mountain Grill and the second item will be an Ozark Trail Performance Cooler. The drawing for this raffle will be held at the 3rd Annual Flint Hills Choice Sale on March 30th. Everyone should have received their tickets in the mail in early fall. Please have your money and tickets to me by March 30th. If you are mailing them, please mail a week before the sale so they have time to get to me before March 28th as we will be leaving on the 29th for the sale. If you are planning on attending the sale and or the annual meeting you can bring them with you.

The board decided to have the 2019 KLBA Annual Meeting the evening of March 29th at the sale barn as of right now. We will also have the 2019 Silent Benefit Auction, so if you have something to donate make sure you have it to someone that is attending by March 29th. Hopefully we will have a block of rooms at a hotel in Eldorado, when we do, we will let all members know the information.

We also are still planning on printing a calf-record book if we have enough advertising \$\$ to make this profitable for KLBA. The inside ads again will be sold at a rate of \$250 for a full page and \$150 for a half page ad. We will sell ads to out of state breeders and or commercial businesses, but the rate will be an additional \$50 which will be the KLBA membership fee. If you are interested please give Mark Beikmann, President or any board of director a call.

The Heartland Limousin Association wanted us to host the 2019 Heartland Junior Regional Show, we could not find a place available in an area the HLA thought would be best for attendance. So, Iowa will be hosting the show for 2019 on May 31st, June 1,2, 2019 and KLBA will be hosting in 2020, the board members are checking places now so hopefully we can find an area, where it will be available this far in advance. Hopefully the KJLBA Field Day can also be held after the Heartland Junior Regional Show in 2020 for everyone's convenience.

Hope to see all of you at KLBA events this year.

Happy New Year!!

Pat Meek/Sec/Treasurer

2019 Invoice on back of letter

