



# ALBERTA HOLSTEIN

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## Alberta Holstein Association Annual General Meeting



*Wim van de Brake, President AHA*



*Germain Lehoux, President HC*



*Brian van Doormaal, CEO HC*



*Eric Taylor, Judging & Show*



*Gert Schrijver*



*Neil Petreny, CanWest DHI*

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On February 11th, 2011 The Alberta Holstein Association held its 76th Annual General Meeting in Red Deer at the Red Deer Lodge. In the morning the Association held its formal meeting presenting committee reports, financial statement and budget. Holstein Canada was represented by Germain Lehoux, President of Holstein Canada and Brian van Doormaal, CEO of Holstein Canada. After lunch Mike West and Roger Turner spoke on 'Making my dairy more profitable through genetics.'



## President's Message

*By Wim van de Brake*

By now we have moved well into the New Year and the weather has brought the necessary challenges. We feel with those who lost their barns and sometimes part of their livestock. Let us hope and pray that the winter storms are over for this year.

We were able to have our AGM, and that always brings some changes at the board table. I would like to welcome two new board members. Dale Bienert and Joop Garretsen, who will be serving on the board for a 3 year term.

We bid farewell to Cor van Gunst and Eric Taylor, thank you both for your contributions to the board, especially Cor, being our Vice President this last year. I have enjoyed working so closely with you and your input was really appreciated. I'm looking forward start working with our new elected Vice, Tim Knull.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the meeting. Also thank you to the Central Alberta Holstein Club and their sponsors, without you we would not be able to organize an event like this. A special thank you goes out to Heidi our Secretary, who prepared the booklet for the meeting

and was always there to make sure everything ran smoothly. We hope to see you all next year in Westlock, as the Country Roads Holstein Club will be hosting the 2012 annual meeting.

Congratulations to the four scholarship recipients and to the nominees of the different awards. Especially to Morsan farms for winning "The President Cow" and Deerfield Colony for winning "2010 Alberta Breeder of the Year."

It was quite a shock to hear on the radio that the day after our AGM, the roof of the ballroom of the Red Deer Lodge collapsed. We don't really want to think what could have happened. This gives us lots of reasons to be thankful.

Looking forward there are many events on the calendar. Planning for the shows, judging school and picnic are in progress. We will keep you updated through our newsletter and on the website.

On a personal note this 1st year of being your president has been quite an experience. I've been privileged to meet many of you, to work with the different clubs and with the board at the Alberta Holstein Branch. And I would like to thank you all for your support.

Thank you and God Bless,

Wim van de Brake  
President Alberta Holstein  
Association

## Calendar 2012

*Please contact the office if you would like to advertise in the 2012 Calendar!*



## National Director's Report

*By Orville Schmidt*

As I look forward to spring and windup my first winter meeting schedule a few things come to mind. I was reminded that Alberta is a very large province with a lot of varied conditions and a lot of snow piled up around the yards. Because of the large amount of snow over twenty-five dairy barns and many sheds went down with snow, along the banquet room we had the Branch annual meeting in the day after our meeting. "Someone was looking out for us."

The five club annual meetings from Westlock to Lethbridge were reasonably well attended with mostly the same number of people at each meeting. On that note I would like to ask our membership to think about getting involved at your club level, as most clubs are short of people to work on their boards. Whether you are a show guy, a milk guy, or an index guy, or just a cow guy your ideas and help, no matter which club you are in, would be of benefit to all of us. It is these grass roots ideas that drive our association to the member responsive and not to become to executive minded.

Then moving on to our Branch meeting that was well attended with great presentations by our new CEO Brian van Doormaal and President

Roger Turner and Mike West then gave their AI insights into new genomic programs and AI perspectives surrounding the future. After many good questions all people left wiser. Congratulations to Morsan on winning the President's Club Cow award and to the Deerfield Colony for winning the Breeder of the Year award.

Then off to Brantford for our winter board meeting. As you may be aware Jay Shannon has been released as the head of Breed Improvement. We would like to thank him for his service to Holstein Canada and wish him well in his future endeavours. All programs from this department will continue under new leadership with new ideas and personalities along with all other responsibilities, such as classifications.

Next in line is the convention in Halifax in May, so mark your calendar.

Try to get involved at whatever level you feel comfortable at, club level, Branch or National. "We do need you."

Thanks,  
Orville

*Gys van den Pol asking for clarifications on genomic insights*



*Neil Petreny & Brian van Doormaal at the AGM*

## Annual Meeting Report

*By Wim van de Brake*

The 2011 Alberta Holstein Association Annual General Meeting was held at the Red Deer Lodge in Red Deer on February 11th with about 65 people present.

Special guests were: Germain Lehoux, President of Holstein Canada, Brian van Doormaal the CEO of CDN & Holstein Canada and Neil Petreny, Canwest DHI.

The meeting was called to order at 10.00 am by President Wim van de Brake.

Minutes were accepted as circulated without any changes. The 2010 financial report was read and accepted by the membership. The president did thank Secretary/Treasurer Heidi Voegeli-Bleiker for a job well done.

Resolutions: There were no resolutions to consider.

Election: Terms were up for Tim Knull, Cor van Gunst and Eric Taylor. The Northern Club had reappointed Tim Knull, the Green Acres Club appointed Joop Garretsen and the nominations for director at large were Ron Churchill and Dale Bienert. Dale Bienert was elected. The President welcomed the new board members and thanked the parting directors for their contributions to the board and the association and wished them well in their

new endeavors.

Brian van Doormaal gave a presentation on the amalgamation between CDN and Holstein Canada. He explained what the difference will be and what the goal is for the new Holstein Canada Network.

The committee chairs gave their committee reports and answered some questions from the members.

The proposed bylaw change was introduced by Bob Reck and received a majority vote in favor from the members. The President thanked everyone for their input, the Central Club for hosting the event and the sponsors for their continued support. The meeting was adjourned at 12.30 pm.

In the afternoon a panel was held with speakers Mike West (Semex) and Roger Turner (Alta) on the subject "Making My Dairy More Profitable Through Genetics." This was good for a very informative discussion. Brian van Doormaal took the opportunity to give some extra information on the How and What of genomics.

For the banquet there were about 150 people gathered in the ballroom. Central Club President Rob Luymes welcomed the crowd and introduced his board of directors. They all enjoyed a good supper. Entertainment for the evening was provided by "The Panic Squad."

*The Panic Squad and Gert Schrijver entertaining the guests at the banquet*



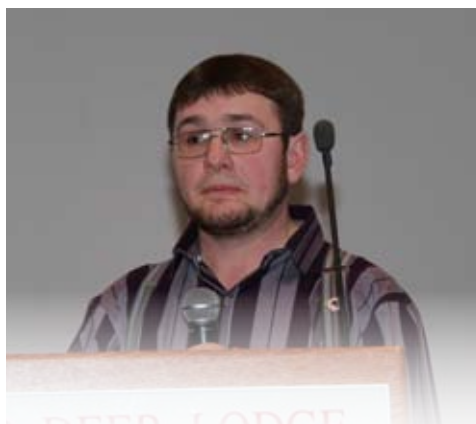


*Wim van de Brake, Leonard & Andy Waldner,  
Andrew Wildeboer (sponsor Breeder of the Year)*

## 2010 Breeder of the Year

*Congratulations to Deerfield Colony  
for winning the 2010 Breeder of the  
Year Award!*

Deerfield Colony was established in 1991, north of Magrath. The dairy is managed by Andy and Paul Waldner. Currently they are milking 95 cows. In 2002 they began supervised testing with DHI and in 2005 began classifying with Holstein Canada. They believe classifying the animals is very important. Main goal in the breeding program is good conformation and a high milk fat component. A lot of emphasis is set on good feet & legs and good udders. Recently they purchased two young red and white bulls to add some color to the herd. Andy believes that the classification system offered by Holstein Canada is a great tool to improve any herd and the Colony regularly classifies their animals.



*Andy Waldner addressing the members after  
winning the 2010 Breeder of the Year award*



*Morsan Farms winning the Provincial President's  
Club Cow Award, Geg Thalen accepting  
the trophy from Wim van de Brake*

## 2010 President's Club Cow Award

**Provincial President's Club Cow**  
Central - Beercliff Destiny Lana  
Morsan Farms  
**Congratulations Morsan Farms!**



*Henk Schrijver and Greg Thalen waiting to  
hear the announcement of the provincial  
President's Club Cow Winner*

## Local Club Nominees

Country Roads - Skycrest Dundee  
Rootbeer, Skycrest Holsteins

Northern - New Mars Champion  
Betty, New Mars Dairy

Southern - Irwindale Leduc Macy  
Rocky Mountain Holsteins

Green Acres - Pol Butte Modest  
Lesley, Van Den Pol Dairy

*Congratulations to all  
President's Club Cow Nominees!*

### Awards:

Youth Chair Tim Hummel did the presentation of the Scholarship awards. This years recipients were: Carien Huyzer, Katelyn Kozak, Damian Stamm and Yasmine Voegeli.

Awards Chair Jason Rietveld did the presentation on The President Club Cow Award and The Breeder of the Year.

The winner for the President Cow was; Beercliff Destiny Lana from Morsan Farms (Central Club) And the Breeder of the Year winner was; Deerfield Colony (Green Acres)

All together we had a successful day, but it was good that nobody knew that less then twenty four hours later the roof of the ballroom would collapse due to heavy snow load laying on the roof.

### Thanks to the AGM Sponsors

**Platinum** : FCC Farm Credit

**Gold:** Cargill Animal Nutrition

**Silver:** All West Select Sires, Ag-rifoods, Wetaskiwin Co-op Feeds, Westgen, Alta Genetics, Landmark Feeds, Viterra

**Bronze:** Central Vet Clinic, Can-WestDHI, Alberta Milk, Andries Steegstra, Champion Feeds Services, Lucky Hill Custom Silaging, No Tilt Hoof Trimming, Emtech Genetics, Agro Equipment, Lethbridge Dairy Mart



## 2010 Scholarship Winners

Up to four (4) \$500.00 scholarships are awarded annually for students who have completed the first year of university or college and are returning to school within the calendar year. Scholarships are awarded annually at the Branch Annual Meeting in February.

Applications are available from the Branch Secretary, directors or the Alberta Branch website. Application deadline is October 31.



*Katelyn Kozak*

Is enrolled in her second year at the Vermilion College of the Animal Health Technology program. The dairy industry is her chosen vocation. She believes that she will always be involved in some aspect of the industry, either as a future producer or in the dairy service industry. Cows will always be a part of her future and she feels that she has much to contribute to the industry.



*Yasmine Voegeli*

Is working towards obtaining an Honors Degree in Animal Biology at the University of Alberta. Once completed her university education, she plans to find a career which involves working with animals. She plans to travel and get involved with research opportunities in different areas of the world. Once returning to Canada she plans to become, with additional education, a veterinarian.



*Carien Huijzer*

Is working towards acquiring a Bachelor's Degree in Management, majoring in Marketing at the University of Lethbridge. With this degree she hopes to own her own business one day, preferably in the agricultural sector. In the mean time she would like to work for a large company working on marketing strategies.



*Damian Stamm*

Is enrolled at the Olds College to obtain a Bachelor of Applied Science, majoring in Agribusiness. In his fourth year of the applied degree program he will be spending some time in Switzerland and New Zealand to complete the 8 month required directed field study. His goal is to take over the family farm and work together with his brother in a

## Important 4-H Dates

### Provincial 4-H Show

Will be held in Olds at the Cow Palace on July 13, 14 & 15th.

### WCC

August 23-27, 2011  
Olds Agricultural Society

### Wednesday - August 24, 2011

9:00am Dairy Science Quiz  
10:00am Clipping Competition  
10:00 (Jr), 10:30 (Int), 11:00 (Sr)  
2:00pm Clipping Results

### Thursday - August 25, 2011

10:00 am Judging Competition

### Friday - August 26, 2011

9:30am Opening Ceremonies  
10:00am Showmanship Competition

### Saturday - August 27, 2011

10:00am Conformation Classes  
Closing ceremonies to follow  
Championship Class  
7:00pm Awards Banquet & Dance at  
Olds College Alumni Centre

## Youth Convention

2011 Young Adult Convention, Westin Nova Scotia, Halifax May 12 - 14, farm tours to follow The Alberta Holstein Association and Holstein Canada are supporting the following young adults to represent Alberta in Halifax.



*Chad Crest from Skycrest Holsteins, Athabasca*



*Aron ten Brummelhuis ten Brummelhuis Dairy, Olds*



*Metty van de Brake Thornspyc Dairy, Lacombe*

## Judges list

The board of directors is very proud to announce that Markus Hehli and Linsey Whalen will be joining the Alberta official judges team. Logan Chalack will be added to the team as an aspiring judge. The board is very confident that these three young enthusiastic Holstein people will represent our well respected judges with knowledge and dignity. Please don't hesitate to contact any of them to judge a 4-H event, a club show or an official show.

## Calgary Classic Show

The Calgary Stampede Classic will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2011. The show will be held in the North Barn and is proud to be offering a Youth Judging Clinic, the Super Cow Class and the 9th Annual Heifer Explosion Sale, produced and presented by Alberta Dairy Connection on Friday, March 25th, 2011 at 12:00pm. The Holstein Show is held Saturday, March 26th, 2011 starting at 8:30am. The Super Cow Class is immediately following the Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Presentation. 4:00pm Exhibitor Awards Banquet.

The Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Workshop is held on Thursday, March 24th, 2011 at 5:30pm.

## Tier 1 Judging School

The Judging and Show committee will once again organize a Tier 1 Judging School held in conjunction with the Alberta Dairy Congress in Leduc. The event will be held on Thursday, June 2nd at 10am. Everyone is invited to attend and judge, or just gain knowledge. Like last year we will include a special session to further judging skills. 4-H members are welcome and encouraged to attend!



## Alberta Holstein Association Family Picnic

The Green Acres Holstein Club and the Alberta Holstein Association invites all Alberta Holstein Association members and guests to the Annual Alberta Holstein Association Provincial Picnic.

**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2011

**Location:** Pavan Park, Lethbridge

**Cost:** Adults (14 and over) \$30/per  
Ages 9-13 \$15/per  
Age 8 and under free

**1:00pm**

**Afternoon activities include:** Games, Horseshoe Pits, Astro Jumps, Possible River Rafting Refreshments available

**7:00pm Cocktails followed by a delicious BBQ steak supper** Evening entertainment to be announced, no host bar

**10% discount if tickets are purchased before June 15th, 2011!**

Rooms have been set aside under the Green Acres Holstein Club at the Hamptons Inn Suites. Camping available in Lethbridge at Henderson Lake Campground, Bridgview Campground and Park Lake Provincial Park. Please make your own reservations.

**For tickets please contact Benita Hummel at 403.732.5163, Joop Garretsen at 403.315.2150 or the Branch office at 403.335.5916.**



## Amalgamation of Holstein Canada and Canadian Dairy Network

### Direction for Moving Forward

*Brian van Doormaal, Holstein Canada & CDN*

### Background

- June 2010 announcement of strategic direction between Holstein Canada and Canadian Dairy Network (CDN) Common - CEO as first step
- Various meetings of the two Boards of Directors as well as the appointed Amalgamation Team
  - 3 Directors from HC and CDN plus CEO
- Now communicate common ground

### Goals of the HC-CDN Strategic Agreement

Gain efficiencies by:

- Maximizing revenue opportunities
- Reducing fees and/or increasing value of services to producers/members
- Reduce costs associated with structure, governance, administration, IT, equipment, etc.
- Maximize use and synergies of talented people

- Set up a structure allowing for continued industry streamlining (physical & services) in the future
- Strengthen industry with a stronger unified voice
- Proactive positioning when "healthy"

### Legal Perspective

- Both Holstein Canada and CDN are federally incorporated non-for-profit organizations with national scope
- Holstein Canada specifically defined as a national breed association under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada
- Recommended that Holstein Canada (and its by-laws) be expanded to include mandates, services, assets, etc. of CDN

### Mandate & Services

- Animal identification and all herdbook related services (all breeds after 2012)
- All-Breed Classification program
- Genotyping services (all breeds as needed)
- National dairy cattle genetic evaluation centre including services to other breeds
- Co-ordination of industry-funded research
- Industry standards for publishable lactations, genetic evaluations and shows (all breeds?)
- Industry umbrella organization & advocate

### Relationship With Industry Partners

- Proposal is amalgamation of HC & CDN
- A.I. organizations in Canada would be recipients/buyers of services
- Genetic evaluation critical to their business
- Canadian DHI would be an

important partner in terms of data exchange

- Dairy Farmers of Canada would support research and assist in lobbying efforts

### Relationship With Industry Partners

- Relationship with other breed associations is also very important
- AY, JE, BS, GU, MS and CN associations would be buyers of contracted services
  - Gives each breed association a choice of services to contract based on cost/benefit
  - Each association would take ownership of their own genetic evaluations (rather than CDN)
  - Would have representation on specific committees related to services received

### Corporate Name

- It is proposed that Holstein Canada and Canadian Dairy Network become:



*Holstein Canada Network*

- **Benefits:**
  - Retains strong "Canadian image" nationally and internationally, built over 127 years of HC
  - Recognizes the new "Industry" orientation and interdependencies with other sectors

### Proposed Governance

- Create a Board of Directors based on following principles
  - Majority of directors are elected from among the Holstein Canada members (as currently)
  - Remainder are appointed from delegate bodies representing A.I., Canadian DHI, Breed Associations and Dairy Farmers of Canada



- Directors elected/appointed to represent a breed association must be members
- Other appointed directors must be producers

### Board Size and Transition Plan

- In July 2011, hold "overlapping" Board meeting between Holstein Canada and CDN, which would include 19 Directors
- In September 2011 amend CDN By-Laws to reduce Board from 8 to 6, which would reduce the "blended" size to 17
- At Holstein Canada 2012 AGM, move to reduced board size from 12 to 10
  - Increased effectiveness for Holstein Canada Board
  - Yields 15 to start Holstein Canada Network
  - Requires By-Laws amendments at 2011 AGM

### Holstein Canada Director Representation

- Currently:
  - BC (1), AB (1), SK & MB (1), ON (4), QC (4), NB, NS, PEI & NFLD (1)
  - ON and QC each have two electoral districts

- Proposed transition:
  - Reduce both ON and QC to 3 and move to three electoral districts (West, Central, East)
  - Consider open elections within four "Regions" of Canada to achieve 9 Directors - West (2), Ontario (3), Quebec (3), Atlantic (1)

### Holstein Canada Network Board

- Proposed to take effect following approval of By-Law amendments at 2012 AGM of Holstein Canada in Manitoba
- Proposed HCN Board constitution (15):
  - 10 elected by Holstein Canada members
  - 1 appointed from members of other breeds
  - 2 appointed from A.I. producer delegates
  - 1 appointed by Canadian DHI (reciprocal)
  - 1 appointed by DFC (reciprocal)

### Holstein Canada Network - Internally

- CEO to propose organizational chart and any associated movement of staff
- Amalgamation Team has appointed a Human Resource Working Group
  - Establish common payroll, benefits, pension plan, pay scale grids, annual evaluations, etc.
- Working Group to submit report and recommendations to the Amalgamation Team and both Boards



### All-Breed Herdbook Service Provision

- Unified desire for common breed services, which may include:
- Herdbook registration
  - Parentage verification (using DNA)
  - Pedigree services
  - Memberships
  - Genomic testing
  - Invoicing for services
  - Award calculations
  - Database support for respective web sites

*Information was taken from the power point presentation used by Brian van Doormaal at the Alberta Holstein Association AGM on February 11th*





## CanWest DHI Report

By Neil Petreny

### Alberta Statistics and Highlights

- 460 farms with 58,900 cows (128 cow average)
- 24 different testing programs being used
- 72% of herds use AP testing (one milking)
- 6 robot herds use DHI (78 in CanWest)
- Lance Primmer submitted 2,079 ERA's in 2010
- 50% of DHI cows managed with Dairy Comp products
- Continued interest in disease testing
  - 2,721 Johne's samples (29% of herds have tested since available)
  - 3,312 mastitis samples (41% of herds)
  - 2,824 Leukosis samples (16% of herds)

### Top 5 DHI Test Plans in Alberta

1. Publishable 10AP (36%)
2. Management 10AP (19%)
3. Management 10 (24 hour) (13%)
4. Publishable 5+5AP (8%)
5. Publishable 10 (5%)

### Top 5 DHI Test Plans: Alberta vs. Ontario

#### ALBERTA

- Publishable 10AP (36%)
- Management 10AP (19%)
- Management 10 (24 hour) (13%)
- Publishable 5+5AP (8%)
- Publishable 10 (24 hour) (5%)

#### ONTARIO

- Publishable 10AP (31%)
- Publishable 12AP (13%)
- Publishable 10 (24 hour) (12%)
- Management 10AP (8%)
- Management 10LAP (DHI labour) (7%)

### DHI Service Facts

- Does 40,000 herd tests
- Drives 2,000,000 km
- Analyzes 3,000,000 milk samples
- DHI submits nearly 60,000 dairy breed registrations

### What's new in 2011?

- Feed Watch now available
  - feed management program for larger herds
- Reduced price for contagious Mastitis 3 test from \$29-\$25 to \$24-\$19 (17-25% less)
  - Staphylococcus aureus
  - Streptococcus agalactiae
  - Mycoplasma Bovis
- Introduction of a BVD herd screen test

### Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD)

- Recent national study 60% of producers indicated they were concerned about the negative impact of BVD on their herd
- BVD is a viral infection in cattle that severely depresses the immune system, which results in clinical and sub-clinical diseases.
- Most often BVD infected herds will see direct reproductive losses (reduced fertility and abortions), as well as health and production losses.

### BVD Herd Screening Test

- Objective is to find persistently infected (PI) cows
- Introducing a new testing process
  - DHI samples grouped into Pools of 25 cows
  - Up to 10 Pools combined into a herd sample
  - Max. of 250 cows for each herd group sample
- Herd level samples tested with DNA test
  - If negative – no further testing required
  - If positive – test each Pool sample
  - Then test each positive Pool sample with ELISA
- Cost effective screening and monitoring tool

### Beyond 2011

- Sub-clinical Ketosis screening test
  - Currently being tested by Valacta (Quebec) and they plan to introduce the service this fall
- Fatty Acid Profiles
  - Differentiates saturated and unsaturated fats in milk
  - Unsaturated fats promoted for human health
  - Some EU milk companies paying premiums

### Closing Notes

- Mastitis testing price reduction
- BVD herd test available this spring
- Plan to introduce new vial labels later in 2011
- No fee increase (since 2008)





*Back row: Wim van de Brake (president), Joop Garretsen, Jason Rietveld (past-president), Tim Hummel, Rene Klugkist, Front row: Bob Reck, Finn Jakobsen, Dale Bienert, Orville Schmidt (national director), Tim Knull (vice-president)*

## Board of Directors 2011

### Executive

Wim van de Brake, President  
 Jason Rietveld, Past-President  
 Tim Knull, Vice-President  
 Orville Schmidt, National Director  
 Heidi Voegeli-Bleiker, Sec/Treasurer

### Committee Chairs

#### Advertising & Marketing

Bob Reck

#### Field Service

Wim van de Brake

#### Judging & Show

Dale Bienert

#### Youth

Tim Hummel

#### Awards

Jason Rietveld

#### Picnic

Joop Garretsen

#### AGM

Wim van de Brake

**Dale Bienert** has been in the Holstein business for forty five years. He was an Alberta National director from 1993 to 1999 and Holstein Canada President in 1999. In 1996 he received a Master Breeder shield. He enjoys being an official judge and has judged all over Canada and five other countries. Currently he serves on the National Show Committee. His knowledge and experience will be very much appreciated by the board of directors. In his spare time he loves to spoil his grandchildren!

**Joop Garretsen** came to Canada from Holland in 1997. He farmed first just on the east side of Lethbridge. Due to no opportunity to expand he relocated to Cranford (45 km east) in March 2003 to a newer facility. He is farming 320 irrigated acres, mostly alfalfa and corn for silage. To achieve higher yields he rotates the land with a potato farmer. Presently he is milking 150 cows and owns 250 young stock. Joop is no stranger in the Green Acres Club area, running a management club for local dairy farmers. Joop is looking forward to be a director on the board.

## Thank You!!!

The board of directors and the members of the Alberta Holstein Association would like to sincerely thank Cor van Gunst and Eric Taylor for their time served on the board.



**Cor van Gunst** served the board for two terms of three years representing the Green Acres Holstein Club members. Cor and Hieke love to mingle with friends and fellow Holstein breeders at local shows and Holstein functions. We all enjoyed having Cor on the board, chairing the advertising and marketing committee and being vice president in his last year on the board. We wish Cor and Hieke all the Best and are looking forward seeing both of you at upcoming events.



**Eric Taylor** served the board for one term of three years representing the members at large. Eric chaired the judging and show committee. Organizing the Tier 1 and Tier 2 judging school was one of his jobs. Eric and Elsie were also a big asset on the advertising and marketing committee overseeing projects before they went to print. His thoughtful personality and knowledge of the breed has been appreciated by all of us. We wish Eric and Elsie all the Best and are looking forward seeing both of you at upcoming shows, sales & events!



*Huskies waiting patiently for their race at the Didsbury dogsled race on a very cold day.*

Our mission is working to provide opportunities for members to enhance profitability and competitiveness through genetic improvement programs delivered effectively and efficiently. Please feel free to contact us with any of your questions and concerns.

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*“Do you think winter is over soon...?  
I am so done with all that running  
in the cold !!!”*

#### Did you know?

The Didsbury Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic is a nostalgic glimpse of the hardy men and women who met the challenge of winter travel in the snow-bound north. Predating the Skidoo and Arctic Cat, the vision of a sled, musher and team of huskies amid a vast white expanse is the heritage we salute in this series of sled dog sprint races.

### Board of Directors 2011

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## Calendar of Events

### March 2011

Mar 4 - SAHC Ski trip to Nakiska

Mar 8-11 - Western Canadian Dairy Seminar, Red Deer

March 25-26 - Calgary Stampede Dairy Classic

### April 2011

April 1 - GAHC Awards Night

### May 2011

May 12-20 Holstein Canada National Convention, Halifax, NS

May 27 GAHC - Family BBQ

May 28 GAHC - Show/-4-H Show

### June 2011

June 2 - Alberta Holstein Provincial Evaluation Seminar, Tier 1 Judging

June 2 - Alberta Dairy Congress Herdbuilder Sale

June 3 - Alberta Dairy Congress Holstein Show

### July 2011

July 16 - CRHC Family Picnic

July 16 - NAHC Annual Show

July 22 - Alberta Holstein Picnic, Lethbridge, hosted by the GAHC

# Alberta Holstein Association Annual General Meeting



*Alberta Official Judges being honoured at the AGM  
Rob & Kate Luymes  
Brian, Everett and Marjorie socializing  
President's Club Cow Award Winners  
Awards to be given out at the banquet*

