

Canadian Blonde News

Winter 2020



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2020 AGM Presidents Report

Well, the time has come where I write my last report as your President. Having served 3 terms, I am no longer eligible to be the Canadian present, although I will let my name stand for re-election to the Board should the members feel I am worthy. It has been a pleasure to serve the membership, and certainly a major learning curve. I had big footsteps to follow with our amazing Past President Dave Kamelchuk but thankfully I had a great supporting cast to help me not mess things up too bad.

It goes without saying but 2020 has been a challenging year on many fronts for people all over the world, with the farmers being no exception. It was great to see many posting on Facebook as they took a 4th or 5th hay crop off in early November, which was shocking to everyone. Being able to keep the cows out on pasture well into November, as well as adding to the feed reserves bodes well for getting us all through the winter.

With respect to our breed, we still have a long way to go. While we could certainly use more members coming forward to possibly join the Board, I realize its not everyones cup of tea. That being said, there are many ways we need our members to do their part. The Performance Program is a big one and the best place to start. Its as simple as recording accurate birthweights for all of your animals and submitting them to AgSights. Forms to do so can be found on the CBDA website and this service is paid for by the Association. If you need help doing so, please reach out to any Board member for help. Taking it further you can also submit all your weaning weights, and beyond that your yearling weights. The first step is submitting accurate Birthweights, everything else becomes a bonus.

Building off the focus on our performance numbers, we must also translate that to our animals. We have seemed to lack bull power in recent years. I believe many have lost sight of the fact we are a performance breed and one that is meant to be terminal. 70 and 80 pound birthweights sound fancy, but they translate more to maternal qualities. Bull power means we can sell bulls into the commercial market to produce that terminal cross. Bull power also represents an opportunity for us to be able to sell good pasture bulls to other purebred members. While feed availability and penning restrictions do not allow for most breeders to keep many bulls back, we seemingly have had a shortage of bulls available, and quality bulls at that. Something to keep in mind for our breeders moving forward.

While this meeting will be something new for many, as we are doing it virtually through Zoom, the importance of an AGM remains high. A virtual meeting will actually allow for a greater number of our members to join us as no travel is required. It would be nice to see a large percentage of our members tune in. There are a few proposed changes put forward that are important to the breed and could shape its future, so please do not overlook them and think seriously about them and how they fit your vision for the breed now and in the future. Once again, thank you to all the members who have taken the time to join us on this 2020 Virtual AGM, and to all the members for their support over the years. Hopefully we can all continue to do our part to grow and promote this great breed.

-Nicolas Boyd

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

- The 2021 AGM was held on November 28th and several By-law amendments were passed. They will need to be approved by Ag Canada before coming into effect, and that should be done sometime in 2021. However we are still waiting for By-law amendments passed in 2018 to be approved; the approval process seems to have slowed down due to Covid.
- Upon approval the 2020 amendments will:
 - change Purebred status of both Males and Females at 15/16 or 93.75%. Prior to this Males needed to reach 31/32 level for Purebred status. There are only two bulls that will be affected by this, and they are both AI sires - Double L Wee Willy and IMP Polled Black Magic.
 - Allow for the registration of 3/4 blood bulls
 - Allow for the registration of 1/2 blood females when sired by bulls of another breed. That is provided that the dams are Fullblood or Purebred Blonde and have DNA on file.
- We would like to thank Bill Van Bakel for his long time service on the Board, and Sarah Pierce for her service as well. Nicholas Boyd and Paul Ferguson were returned to the Board, and we would like to welcome Nicole Baker and Paul Fee as new Board members.
- The Board is excited to have Paul Ferguson as our new President and Lisa Leduc as our new Treasurer. Having people take on new responsibilities helps strengthen our Association.
- All AGM and Board meeting minutes are available to members through the CBDA website. They are password protected so you will need to ask a member of the Board for that password.
- We have people looking for up to four 12 to 30 month (Jan 2020 born is the youngest they will accept) bulls for export to the USA and Mexico. The bulls can be horned, polled, Fullblood, or Purebred but need to have length muscle and be of high quality. Contact Reed Rigney if you have some that might fit.
- AgSights (formerly BIO), will be hosting a webinar on the Blonde Performance Program and EPD's Saturday January 9th beginning at 7 pm Eastern time. This is a great opportunity to learn how EPD's work, and how to fill out the Blonde Performance Program forms.



FORTY ACRE POLLED YEARLING BULLS FOR SALE!



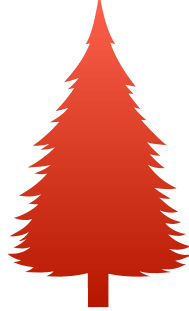
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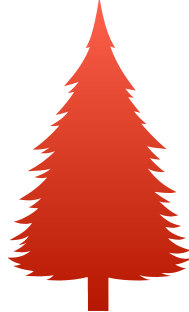
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FORTY ACRE HUGGER 9H (FB)
FORTY ACRE ETHAN- WEST WINDS YOGURT



FORTY ACRE HORACE 1 H (FB)
FORTY ACRE ETHAN - FORTY ACRE DOROTHY



Merry Christmas

from the
Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

Thank you to our hosts of the OBdAA Virtual Picnic
Beavermeadow & Pierce Blondes, Tupperville, ON
Andrew Bunda, Edwards, ON - Crystal Farms, Jasper, ON
Ridge View Blondes, Codrington, ON - Little Creek Farms, Ellscott, AB



Thank you to our consignors, buyers, bidders, and attendees at the 20th Annual Cream of the Crop Sale

Top Selling Female: **Bar K Ella 6E** ~ Consigned by Bar K Farms, Purchased by John Langstaff

Top Selling Bull: **WSS Celebration 2C** ~ Consigned by Crystal Farms, Purchased by Bar K Farms

People's Choice Award Winner: **WSS Celebration 2C** ~ Banners Sponsored by Acres Farms & Little Creek Farms



Best Wishes for a
Happy Holiday Season
and a Safe 2021

from
Bar K Farms

A Special Thank You to our 2020 buyers
-Kirk McGee of Ridge View Blondes
-John Langstaff
-Dwayne Bazinet and Colleen Acres of
Maple Meadow Farms
-Maryline Moss and Noah Babcock of
Babcock Ranch

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News from the Provinces



A Warm Hello from Ontario
Well this certainly has been an unprecedented year. I hope that everyone in our association along with their families and friends are staying safe and looking out for their loved ones. Of course due to the pandemic, our usual events that allowed us to get together were cancelled. I think the whole situation really took hold for myself when we had to cancel our AGM and when the Ottawa Valley Farm Show was cancelled due to gathering restrictions. Then the cancellations just kept coming....fairs, cattle shows and farm shows.

But the resilient lot that we are, we had a virtual picnic spanning 4 weeks on facebook and highlighting some fantastic looking animals (and a few cows) on 8 farms across Ontario and Alberta. I would like to thank Sarah Langstaff Pierce (Pierce Blondes and Beaver Meadow Blondes), Andrew Bunda (Bunda Blondes), Paul Ferguson (Crystal Farms), Samantha Ferguson (Jack Trail Farms

and representing Nicholas Boyd -One Oak Blondes), Kirk McGee (Ridge View Blondes and Rondakk Acres) and last but not least Dave Kamelchuck (Little Creek Farms). What a fantastic job you guys all did on giving us a virtual tour of your farms, animals and homesteads. Almost as good as being there in person.

Luckily we were still able to hold the 20th Annual Cream of the Crop sale at Hoards Station Sale Barn in October. It was great to get to see everyone and be entertained by our resident members. As usual, Bill provided the entertainment and the refreshments. Not only do we have a comedian in our association, we also have a poet. If you haven't had the chance read "The Covid Pledge" by Don Dunham on FB.

Once again, Kirk McGee outdid himself and produced an outstanding sales catalogue. The association can never thank you enough Kirk for the hours and efforts you put into making this catalogue. I'd like to thank

Eric Doran for being barn boss and block man. Eric not only keeps things organized behind the scenes, but gets to know all the animals and their attributes to make a great sale. Also, thank you to Ilse Vink who kindly donated a beautiful handmade quilt whose proceeds went to the Ontario Blonde D`Aquitaine Association`s Youth Program. Thank you to all the consignors and purchasers that made this 20th Anniversary Sale a success!

Thanks to the Ontario Blonde D`Aquitaine Board Members for the precious time they put into this Association's endeavours. I can't say it enough that this breed has both fantastic animals and members.

On behalf of the Ontario Blonde D`Aquitaine Association Board of Directors, I wish you all a safe Christmas, whether it be with family in person or virtually. All we can do is look forward to better days ahead in 2021.

Stay Positive, Test Negative.
Dave Payne



Nouvelles de l'Association
Blonde d'Aquitaine du
Québec

Bonjour chers Éleveurs,

Déjà le mois de Décembre, Les fêtes s'en viennent à grand pas, mais elles ne seront pas comme les années passées. Nous avons eu une année 2020 extrêmement tranquille en rapport avec les expositions et jugements au Québec. Mais nous ne devons pas nous décourager l'année 2020 achève et l'année 2021 arrive bientôt. Tout en espérant que la pandémie disparaisse aussi en 2021. Nous désirons prendre ce moment pour féliciter l'Association Canadienne et l'Association de l'Ontario pour leur initiative de faire l'Exposition de la Blonde d'Aquitaine en virtuel. Bravo à tous les organisateurs. Vous êtes les bienvenus à interagir sur notre page Facebook ou vous pourriez insérer des photos de vos Blondes ou tout simplement aller chercher des renseignements des autres amis éleveurs. Pour plus d'information sur votre association, vous pouvez toujours visiter le site Internet de l'association au : <http://www.blondaquitaineqc.com>

Je prends cette occasion pour vous souhaiter de très belles fêtes en famille et une Bonne Année 2021.

"On se lave les mains et on respecte la Distanciation Sociale"

Hello Dear Fellow Breeders,

Already in December, the holidays are fast approaching, but they will not be like the past years.

We have had an extremely quiet 2020 in relation to exhibitions and judgments in Quebec. But we should not be discouraged as the year 2020 is drawing to a close and the year 2021 is coming soon.

While hoping that the pandemic will also disappear in 2021. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Canadian Association and the Ontario Association for their initiative to make the Blonde d'Aquitaine Show virtual. Well done to all who worked on the organization.

You are welcome to interact on our Facebook page where you could insert pictures of your Blondes or just go and get information from other breeder friends.

For more information on your association, you can always visit the association's website at: <http://www.blondaquitaineqc.com>

I take this opportunity to wish you happy holidays with your families and a Happy New Year 2021.

"We wash our hands and respect Social Distancing"

Maureen Landry for Gilbert Gauthier, president



Hello all you hunkered down people out there. this has been one roller coaster of a ride this year. Each province has more issues than they care to. That includes weather, political strife and of course, covid, the big sore on the world.

Due to the fact that Man-Sask is in two provinces (obviously), we chose not to have face to face meetings, just phone calls where our business was transacted. The Association was intending on a bar-b-que picnic at a Manitoba park but that did not come to fruition.

The 4 H program is still in effect, there are no changes in officers and no one has been too ill. Business was slow this year for the bulls, no one knew where to jump. Through it all, life goes on.

Farmers always look to the next year and that has not changed.

Stay safe everyone and in all, this too shall pass.

Man-Sask looks forward to seeing all of you one of these days.

Pat Filz

Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine 2020 National Video Show



Grand Champion Bull
Langstaff Frank 8F
Stonewall Farms, ON



Grand Champion Female
Little Creek Apricot
Fee Haven Farms, ON



Reserve Champion Bull
WSS Celebration 2C
Crystal Farms, ON



Reserve Champion Female
WSS Yttrium 3Y
Crystal Farms, ON

Thank You to all those that exhibited and sponsored the show in order to make the Show a great success

Thanks also to our Judge - Ian Fox of Renard Blondes in Australia - who took the time to place all of the animals and provided detailed reasoning for the exhibitors

More detailed results will be available in the Spring 2021 Blonde Connection

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2C

Merry Christmas
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR

THANK-YOU TO OUR 2020 BUYERS!

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