

## **THE ONTARIO BLONDE D' AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION BOARD POLICIES**

The Board Policies section is a group of guidelines that the Board of Directors are following to promote the breed in the province of Ontario and the Maritimes. These policies can be changed by the Board of Directors(with majority vote) without notice to the General Assembly. The Board of Directors encourages all members to keep up to date on any changes that have been made to this section.

### **Article I: Cattle Sales**

1. The OBdAA will sponsor and assist in promoting Blonde Stocker Sales.
2. At the discretion of the Board of Directors a selection committee may be in place for sales.
3. The OBdAA has a set of rules and guidelines which are in place to maintain the highest level of quality, clarity and to assist in marketing the Blonde d' Aquitaine breed to its most successful extent. These rules will apply to all sales affiliated with the OBdAA.
  - a) Only current members in good standing will be allowed to consign animals, semen or embryos.
  - b) An entry fee is required for all sales.
  - c) Any sale animal should be reasonably quiet for safety reasons. Some sale venues require tie-able cattle.
  - d) Any sale animal must be carrying registration papers issued by the Canadian Blonde d' Aquitaine Association. Papers must be issued at a percentage more than 50%.
  - e) A member is entitled to consign 1 bull; for each bull thereafter the member must consign one female.

- f) Any animals consigned to the sale must no older than 8 years of age by calendar year.
- g) Sales Commission will be charged. In some instances, the commission may also be a form of entry fee.

## **Article II: 'Cream of the Crop' Sale Rules**

1. The 'Cream of the Crop' Sale will follow all rules listed in Article I of Board Policies.
2. An entry fee of \$50/animal is required prior to cataloguing. This entry fee will be refunded upon the sale of the animal. Realizing there are different reasons for scratching an animal; refunds for scratches are at the discretion of the Sale Committee.
  - a) Possible reasons for refunds of the sale entry fee are death of the animal, injury/sickness of the animal with proof. In concern, members are encouraged to send a letter to the Board of Directors explaining their concerns and reasons for why they feel a refund is required.
3. The sales commission for the 'Cream of the Crop' Sale will be decided upon at the meeting of the General Assembly by the General Assembly. A vote of more than 50% of the voters/proxies in attendance will rule. The General Assembly can also chose to leave the decision to the Board of Directors whose terms will be beginning following the meeting of the General Assembly.
4. Out of province consignments are welcomed and encouraged.
5. A final entry date for the catalogue will be set by the Sale Committee. Any entries received after this date will not be catalogued. Entries are still welcomed and a substitute sheet will be made for the late entries.
  - a. Exceptions to this date will only be made when there are less than thirty lots consigned to the sale by this date.

6. In order to keep our sale catalogue at its highest quality, we encourage all consignors to submit high quality pictures. The Sales Committee is prepared to assist any consignors in obtaining the best quality pictures possible.

### **Article III: Website**

1. The OBdAA will maintain a website that is updated approximately twice monthly.
  - a. advertising is available to all members as well as to the public and other organizations. The cost to the advertiser is developed by the Board of Directors.
  - b. any member in good standing that is hosting a blonde sale or posting a notice of a sale that is not affiliated with the OBdAA will have the option of free advertising for up to 3 months. Any exceptions can be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their consideration.
  - c. any advertisements promoting the private treaty sales of Blonde d' Aquitaine genetics, individuals, their farm, company, partnerships shall pay the going rates for advertisements.
2. The approved board meeting minutes will be posted to a password protected section of this website. Minutes must be posted to this page within 60 days of the approval by the Board of Directors or General Assembly. To obtain the password, please contact a director.

### **Article IV: Facebook Page**

1. The OBdAA will maintain a group Facebook page. This group has been developed to enhance communication amongst breeders and the Board of Directors.
  - a. Free advertising is available on this page to all members in good standing.
  - b. The page will be managed by at least one administrator.

- c. The OBdAA is not responsible for any inappropriate or spam-like posts onto this page. Posts of this nature will be deleted as soon as possible.

## **Article V: Show Points Program**

1. Any Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Show that meets these requirements will be considered towards the show points:
  - a. There must be at least 3 exhibitors and 18 head of cattle present.
  - b. An exhibitor must show at 3 current year Blonde d' Aquitaine shows. One of these shows must be Lindsay Exhibition.
  - c. Markham Fair will be considered the final show of the year.
  - d. Awards will be presented at the next Annual General Meeting following the completion of the show season.
2. Method for determining Overall High Points Female and Overall High Points Male:
  - a. Points per class per show are awarded as follows:
    - 1st - 8 points
    - 2nd - 7 points
    - 3rd - 6 points
    - 4th - 5 points
    - 5th - 4 points
    - 6th - 3 points
    - 7th - 2 points
    - 8th - 1 point

Grand Champion - 2 points

Reserve Grand - 1 point

- b. Points are accumulated from 3 shows with one being Lindsay Exhibition.
  - c. If a tie occurs, the animal with the most points earned at Lindsay Exhibition will be selected as Overall High Points Female/Male.
  - d. Points earned during the year remain with the animal in cases where the animal is sold.
3. Method for determining Premier Exhibitor are calculated using the 1st to 8th placings as above on their best 5 animals at 3 shows with one being Lindsay Exhibition. Points accumulated by an exhibitor remain with the exhibitor in cases where the animal is sold.

#### **Article VI: Show Incentive Program**

1. All members in good standing are eligible to receive monetary recognition for showing at cattle shows across Ontario or the Maritimes.
  - a. Exhibitors must be members of the OBdAA in good standing.
  - b. Animals being complied for show incentive payout must be registered.
  - c. Each exhibitor is eligible for up to 15 animals submitted each year. They can be shown at any show across the province. Contact person for the show may be required before payout can be processed.
  - d. The OBdAA has set aside \$2000 to be divided amongst all submissions.
2. Payouts will be sent out prior to year-end each year.

## **Article VII: Performance Program**

1. All OBdAA members in good standing are eligible to receive monetary recognition for entering bulls into performance testing at BIO managed test stations or any test station located in the Maritime provinces.
  - a. The owners of the bulls must be members of the OBdAA in good standing at the time of payout.
  - b. To be eligible the bulls must carry registration papers prior to payout from this program.
  - c. Each member is eligible for up to 5 bulls per year.
  - d. The payout is as follows:
    - i. Maximum of \$100/bull.
    - ii. If there are more than 10 bulls eligible for payout, \$1000 will be divided equally amongst all eligible bulls.
2. Payouts will be sent out following the completion of the bull tests in the spring each year.
3. The President's Cup will be awarded to the bull with the highest gain across all tests.

## **Article VIII: Raffle**

1. The OBdAA Board of Directors is responsible for over-seeing the management of a raffle.
2. The prizes, amount of tickets printed and the price of tickets for this raffle are to be determined by the Board of Directors each year; with the direction of the General Assembly at the Annual General Meeting.
  - a. 2016 Raffle Specifications are as follows:

- i. First Prize: \$2500 purchase credit of a registered Blonde animal from any Ontario breeder in good standing, or any animal selling as an entry in an OBdAA sale. If the winner chooses not to take the purchase credit, then \$1000 cash is available.
  - ii. Second Prize: \$1000 purchase credit of a registered Blonde animal from any Ontario breeding in good standing, or any animal selling as an entry in an OBdAA sale. If the winner chooses not to take the purchase credit, then \$300 cash is available.
  - iii. 1000 tickets are to be printed, and the price is to be \$10 per ticket.
3. The raffle licence is to be located in the Municipality of Trent Hills/Northumberland County.
4. All monies derived from this raffle must be managed in a specific chequing account to appease Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario - Raffle License Terms & Conditions - Section 10. The designated use for these funds will be to support Youth, 4H and Junior members.

## **Article IIX: Financial Management**

1. The OBdAA must maintain a basic chequing account to pay for all day-to-day and management expenses.
2. The OBdAA must also maintain a second basic chequing account that is labelled as the 'Lottery' account. This account does not necessarily need cheques printed.
  - a. Funds in this account are to be used in the following manners:
    - i. To pay for all expenses pertaining to the Raffle Heifer Lottery.
    - ii. To pay for any 4H member recognitions.
  - b. The only funds that are deposited in this account are the profits of having a heifer raffle.

- c. The monies in this account must remain separate from all other funds until it is fully depleted. This is a rule under the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario - Raffle License Terms & Conditions - Section 10.
3. The OBdAA must maintain a minimum of two Board of Directors with signing authority on all bank accounts. It is recommended that the OBdAA maintain three Board of Directors with signing authority for ease of management.
4. When a new signing authority is to be added, the current primary signer (usually the Treasurer) must apply at bank to have another signer added. The related documents will be then sent to the most local bank branch to the proposed signer. The new signer must meet at the bank to be added as a signing authority.

#### **Article IX: Banners and Sponsorships**

1. Each year the OBdAA Board of Directors asks the membership to source sponsors for Lindsay Exhibition banners and hospitality at our sale and shows. A sponsorship list is formulated in early-March by the Cattle Shows & 4H committee. There is a very specific way in which we ask for sponsorship to maximize interest:
  - a. Each sponsor from the previous year is individually asked whether they would like to sponsor the same banner or hospitality slot that they did the previous year. If yes, they are marked down for the same sponsorship.
  - b. If a sponsor opts not to renew the sponsorship, then the sponsorship option is placed open. At this point, the sponsorship list is taken to the OBdAA Annual General Meeting (at the end of March) where the open sponsorships are announced to the membership.



- c. If there are sponsorships left open after the AGM, the list of open spaces is then circulated to the balance of the membership and provincial contacts for acquisition.
2. Each year the Board of Directors determines the amount a sponsorship cost and what sponsorships are available.

## **Article X: Advertising**

1. The Advertising Chair is to maintain an ongoing and updated list of contacts related to this position/committee. This contact information is to include as much information as possible including names, emails, phone numbers and if possible, alternate contact people. This information will be passed down to the next Advertising Chair and should always be available for the Board of Directors to view as required.
2. The Advertising Chair is to maintain an updated 'Advertising Roadmap', this should include individual material costs, deadlines and a breakdown of the HST, OBdAA and CBdAA portions of each advertisement. This document is to be forwarded to the board each month, prior to our Board of Directors meetings, showing the changes month-to-month and will be referenced and reviewed at the monthly meetings.
3. The Advertising committee is to forward all expenses and revenues to the Treasurer once monthly at a minimum. The Treasurer is to manage all invoicing duties to collect revenues.