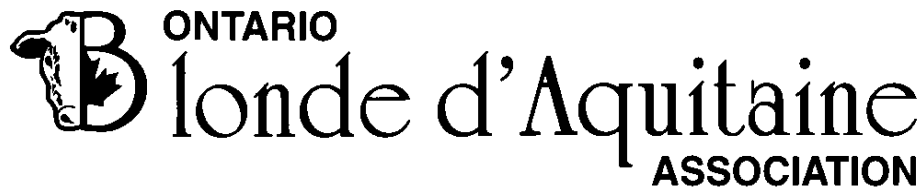


The Blonde Banner

The Official Publication of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

February 2006



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

- REGISTRATION @ 12:00 P.M.

- MEETING @ 1:00 P.M.

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Join us for a buffet dinner afterwards - plan to attend - Everyone Welcome!

Please RSVP to Murphy and Judy Baker @ (905) 985 0563 or
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Thank you!!

The OBdAA Board would like to thank
Lavelaine Farms (Laverne and Elaine
McGee), for donating their 2005 show
expense award of \$175 to the Blonde
Association's 4-H account.

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Upcoming Events:

March 1-2, 2006

East Central Farm Show

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Exhibition grounds, Peterborough
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March 8-10, 2006

Western Fair Farm Show

Fairgrounds, London, Ontario
www.westernfair.com

March 14-16, 2006

Ottawa Valley Farm Show

Lansdowne Park, Ottawa
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April 1, 2006

**Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine
Association AGM**

Location: Utica, Ont.
RSVP needed for dinner (\$14.00 pp)
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PLEASE NOTE: 2006 memberships
are due before the AGM for voting
eligibility.

Sept. 19-23, 2006

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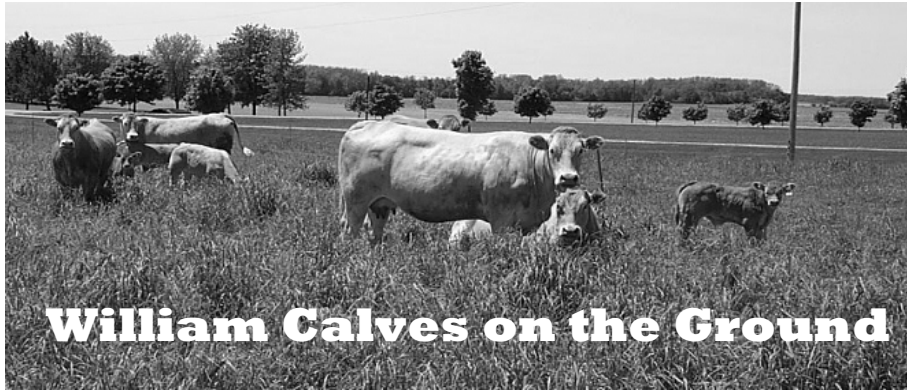
NOTE: The OBdAA reserves the right to edit any newsletter submissions for length and content suitability. The goals of this newsletter are:

To **inform** the membership of all the pertinent activities and initiatives being taken by the Association, the Association Board, or its members.

To **provide** educational information in order to assist Blonde breeders in all aspects of the seed stock industry.

To **promote** the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed and the members of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association.

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& the guy who bought VBB6P at CARSONS PRIME TIME BULL SALE



4-H Report:

Thirteen junior members showed Blonde calves as their 4-H projects at various fairs across Ontario in 2005, and were eligible for a full refund of

their 4-H membership fees. A total of \$660 was paid to these members from the raffle account:

Aaron Hunking, Annette Pedlar, Dylan Thompson, Curtis Bell, Andrew Bunda, William Bunda, Alexis Dorland, Erin Bell, Ashley McNevan, Rachel Vink, Darren Vink, Ian Vink, and Bradley Stein.

Congratulations to all of you, and wishes for a successful 2006 season showing Blonde cattle!

To receive a 2006 entry form for 4-H and Blonde Shows, contact your 4-H club leader, the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association (see p.3 for contact information) or go to the website www.ontarioblondes.com for a printable file.

Lindsay Fair Jr. Showmanship

The following junior members showed in the Junior Showmanship Division of the Blonde d'Aquitaine Show at Lindsay Fair: Alex Beeken, Jessie Longpre, Ashley McNevan, Krystin Purdy, Stephanie Beauregard, Becky DeWitt, Melinda

Wilman, Josie Wilman.

Blonde Merchandise available:

Golf-shirts are green with the OBdAA logo on the left side. Sizes: S, L, XL, XXL. Price: \$30

Jackets are (dark)green with the OBdAA logo on the left side. Sizes: L, XL, XXL. Price \$45 (Additional lettering available, but not included in price.)

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Anyone wanting pictures from the Lindsay Fair, please contact: **Shelly James** 383 Tower Rd. Lindsay, ON K9V 4R4 1-705-324-3985

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**A2006 RULES FOR POINT SHOWS TO DETERMINE
OVERALL CHAMPION FEMALE, OVERALL CHAMPION MALE AND PREMIER EXHIBITORS**

In order for a show to be considered as a point show, there must be at least 3 exhibitors and 18 head of cattle. Any Blonde d'Aquitaine Show that meets these requirements will be considered towards the show points.

An exhibitor must show at four shows with one being the Lindsay Fair. The Lindsay Fair will be considered the final show for the show year. (The show year will run from the day after the Lindsay Fair show to the day of the Lindsay Fair Show day. Points earned at shows after the Lindsay Fair will be accumulated towards the next season.)

Method for determining Overall Champion Female and Overall Champion Male:

1. Points per class per show are awarded as follows:

1 st	8 points
2 nd	7 points
3 rd	6 points
4 th	5 points
5 th	4 points
6 th	3 points
7 th	2 points
8 th	1 point
Grand Champion	2 points
Reverse Grand	1 point
2. Points are accumulated from 4 shows with one being the Lindsay Fair.
3. If a tie occurs, the animal with the most points earned at the Lindsay Fair will be selected as Overall Champion.
4. Points earned during the year remain with the animal in cases when the animal is sold.

Method for determining Premier Exhibitor:

5. Points for Premier Exhibitor are calculated using the 1st to 8th placings as above on their best 5 animals at 4 shows with one being the Lindsay Fair.
6. Points accumulated by an exhibitor remain with the exhibitor in cases when the animal is sold.
7. Awards are given to the top three exhibitors.

Note: Request must be made for payment to be made.

**ONTARIO BLONDE D'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION
2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROXY**

Proxy eligibility: All members in good standing are entitled to vote at the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association's Annual General Meeting. If you are unable to attend, you may request another member in good standing to represent you and your vote. Each member is entitled to carry three (3) proxy votes. (Maximum 4 votes)

I, _____, AM UNABLE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO BLONDE D'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION ON

_____ AND HEREBY DESIGNATE

_____ OF _____ (ADDRESS) TO

REPRESENT ME AT THIS MEETING.

SIGNATURE

DATE

THE ONTARIO BLONDE D'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name and Objective

1. The name of the organization shall be "The Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association" (herein called the "Association").
2. The aims and objectives of the Association shall be:
 - a) to promote and encourage the breeding of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle in the province of Ontario;
 - b) to arrange for, and promote shows and sales of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle in the province of Ontario;
 - c) to assist, where possible, the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association in their promotion of the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed.

ARTICLE II - Membership

1. The general membership shall consist of:
 - a) persons, firms, partnerships, organizations or corporations who shall have submitted an application for membership, paid the requested membership fee, and been approved by the Board of Directors.
2. There shall be a membership fee which shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved by the general assembly.
3. The Board of Directors shall have the power to enact by-laws establishing classes of memberships similar to those of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association.
4. Membership is not transferable and shall lapse automatically:
 - a) upon the wind-up, liquidation or surrender of charter of a member;
 - b) at the end of the Association's fiscal year, but subject to the right of renewal on payment of requisite fee;
 - c) upon resignation at any time from the Association, and not from the Board of Directors..
5. Membership fees are not refundable in whole or in part.

ARTICLE III - General Assembly and Board of Directors

1. There are hereby established as the principal organs of the Association a General Assembly and a Board of Directors.
2. General Assembly:
 - a) the general assembly shall consist of all members of the Association.
 - b) each member shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the General Assembly, with provisions made for the permission to use a maximum of three proxy votes.
 - c) the General Assembly shall meet at least once a year at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine, and upon three weeks written notice.
 - d) a quorum of the General Assembly shall be ten members present in person or by proxy.
 - e) decisions of the General Assembly, except where otherwise expressly provided to the contrary, shall be by majority vote of those present in person or by proxy and voting.
3. A member is arrears in the payment of membership fees shall not be entitled to receive the benefits and privileges of membership, nor to representation in the General Assembly.

4. Board of Directors:

- a) the property and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board of seven directors, one being the President elected by the members from the general membership of representatives thereof.
- b) the president shall be elected by the general membership. The president's term of office shall be from the meeting at which he/she is elected or appointed until the annual meeting next following or until his/her successor is elected or appointed. Six directors shall be elected by the general membership. The directors' term of office shall be from the meeting at which they were elected or appointed until the 2nd annual meeting following or until their successors are elected or appointed. Three directors shall be elected or appointed each year.
- c) the president and the directors shall elect from amongst themselves a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer or a secretary and

a treasurer.

- d) a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the Board of Directors shall be by majority.
- e) any vacancy occurring in office of directors shall be filled by appointment by the directors remaining in office for the remainder of the term of the retiring director.
- f) a director must be a member of the Association in good standing.
- g) any director or executive officer may be removed from office for failure to perform properly his duties on the vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors then holding office.
- h) all meetings of the Board of Directors shall convene at the call of the president and notice thereof shall be given to the members of the Board at least one week prior to the date of the meeting, provided, however, that the directors may meet on regular dates without notice or may by unanimous consent meet at any time or place without notice.
- i) the Board of Directors shall establish by-laws as it shall require and these shall govern the board of directors when they are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution.
- j) the directors may hire, retain or appoint such employees as may be required to achieve the objectives of the Association and shall assign duties to them.
- k) the president shall perform all duties of the chairman at meetings of the Board of Directors and of the General Assembly and be responsible for the initiation of policies. In his absence, the vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president. The secretary-treasurer or secretary and treasurer shall do such things as are normally carried on by a secretary-treasurer or secretary and treasurer.

ARTICLE IV - Committees

1. The Board of Directors may appoint such committees as may be necessary for achieving the objectives of the Association, but there shall be the following standing committees appointed by the Board:
 - a) Nominating committee - this committee shall present to the Annual General Meeting a list of members to be considered for the election to the Board of Directors. Additional nominations shall be received from the floor and if voting is necessary, it shall be by ballot.
 - b) Show and Sale Committee - this committee shall make arrangements for the showing of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle at various shows and shall be responsible for arranging and holding periodic sales of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle.
 - c) Publicity Committee - this committee shall be responsible for publication and distribution of materials that may be necessary to promote the sales and shows arranged by the Show and Sale Committee and, in addition, shall carry out such matters and activities as will promote the Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle breed.

ARTICLE V - General

1. Any elected person to the Board of Directors or any appointee who by virtue of his failure to fulfill his duties of office or failure to conduct himself as befits his office, may be removed from office. The person in question having been advised of such failure, and having been unable to resolve his dereliction, shall be removed, after a prior notice to that effect of seven days, two-thirds of the Board of Directors concurring.
2. This Constitution may be amended in the following manner: proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Directors 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting with members being notified at least 45 days prior of the Annual General Meeting date. All proposed amendments shall be included with the written notice of the annual meeting of the General Assembly, at which such amendments are to be dealt with. Two-thirds of those members present, in person or by proxy, at the General Assembly meeting aforesaid concurring, this proposed amendment shall be deemed to have approved and it shall be entered into this constitution.

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