

# ONTARIO BLONDE d'Aquitaine

## NEWS!

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### 2018 Blonde Picnic!

Aug 5, 2018 @ 1 p.m.  
21 Crystal Rd., Jasper ON

Hosted by:  
**Crystal Farms**  
Paul & MaryEllen Ferguson  
613-275-2422

We would like to remind everyone to bring an item or two for our Mini-Auction. It is also asked that everyone attending bring either a dessert or a salad. *Please RSVP by July 15, 2018* if you plan to attend.

#### Directions:

From Hwy 7: Turn south onto Drummond St W in Perth, turn left on Craig St, continue on Cty Rd 43 to William St in Smiths Falls, turn right. Continue onto Abbott St N, turn left onto Lombard St., continue straight onto Jasper Ave., continue onto County Rd. 17, turn right onto County Rd 16, turn left onto County Rd 7 and left onto Crystal Rd.

From Hwy 401: Use the exit for County Rd 29 North, Follow to County Rd 7, turn right. Follow to Crystal Rd. turn right onto Crystal Rd.

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## The OBdAA Raffle Draw is back!

Purchase vouchers and cash prizes are up for grabs...

1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
**\$2500** Voucher OR **\$2000** Cash

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize **\$1000 Voucher OR \$600 Cash**

Vouchers can be put toward the purchase of a registered Blonde d'Aquitaine **Bull** or **Female** from any OBdAA member, or any consignment at the 2018 Cream of the Crop Sale.

**Tickets \$10 each OR 3/\$25**  
All proceeds go to our OBdAA youth & 4-H member programs

**ONLY 1000 TICKETS PRINTED - DRAW DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2018 - 1 pm**  
(Immediately preceding the Cream of the Crop Sale)

Contact any board member if you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets!



Please check out our Website or Facebook Page for more frequent updates regarding our Events

[www.ontarioblondcattle.com](http://www.ontarioblondcattle.com)

# 2018 Annual Meeting Highlights

Eric Doran

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Association was held on April 7 at Bobby C's Dockside Restaurant in Bowmanville. It was a smaller group in attendance than usual but, what was lacked in size was made up for in dedication and love for the Blonde breed!

Unfortunately, our President Steve Acres was unable to make it for the meeting – so, our tenacious Vice President Nicholas Boyd stepped up to the plate and gave us a quick but, entertaining meeting.

Reports were read on our financial health, Cattle Shows & 4H, Advertising, Communications, Trade Shows, the Cream of the Crop Sale and Performance. Which lead to an in depth discussion related to how our breed can be improved through EPD's and performance recording. Paul Ferguson mentioned how it would be nice to have EPD's available for all sale entries in our Cream of the Crop Sale, especially for the bulls. This would give buyers a level playing field to determine which bloodlines carry the most desirable traits. It was commented that knowledge on how to read EPD's and how their formulated would be required by our membership in order for the most to come out of a push for this information. Moving forward, look for information coming soon to send your birth weights, weaning weights and calf information directly to BIO or to Paul Ferguson, instead of the current program that is in place by the Canadian Association.



2018 Board of Directors

L to R: Paul Ferguson (Performance), Nicholas Boyd (Communications), Rick Drinkill (Jack-of-all-trades), Eric Doran (Secretary/Treasurer), Kirk McGee (Advertising), Paul Fee (President). Absent: Dave Payne (Vice-President)

There was another discussion regarding our sale rules and how we can best improve our sale moving forward. The board of directors decided prior to the meeting that we will try having a dual deadline for the sale; one deadline (August 5, 2018) will require basic information and hopefully a picture, this information will then be posted to a sale website where info can be updated often. Upon the second deadline (Sept 10, 2018), we will require that all paperwork, a picture, breeding information and write-up be complete for the catalogue to be printed following this date. Look for more sale information other places in this newsletter!

At election time, it was very active in terms of nominations and when the dust settled, Paul Fee allowed his name to stand for the role of President, and was acclaimed. Nicholas Boyd, Rick Drinkill and Paul Ferguson all allowed their name to stand for Directors, and were all acclaimed. This new board now includes all members of the TDF crew.

As always, there were many good laughs derived from our Mini-Auction - auctioned by Dave McNevan the bidding became fierce at times, including during the sale of a gently used item that Don Dunham donated, that had been re-gifted from the 2017 National. The pitch fork attended the meeting as usual and this time finds its temporary home at Crystal Farms.

The new board of directors would like to thank all of the attendees of our meeting, and would like to welcome anyone who did not attend this year, to come and join us in 2019!

This year the Sale Committee has decided that we will experiment with a dual deadline system that allows breeders more time and opportunity to get accurate information into our catalogue.

Entries must be received **by August 5, 2018**. Follow-up information is due no later than **September 10, 2018**; at this time we will print the catalogue.

Entries received will be posted to a sale website for viewing prior to cataloguing to garner the most exposure possible. This website will be available around the end of July. Watch Facebook, [www.ontarioblondcattle.com](http://www.ontarioblondcattle.com), and anywhere else you get Blonde information for the link to this archive.

Please remember to register your sale entries EARLY, right now is never a bad time to get them registered and any tests applied for!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Committee Member

Dave Payne

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Committee Member

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## *Is this animal eligible and adequate to consign to the 2018 Cream of the Crop Sale?*

- My membership for the 2018 calendar year has been paid to Canadian Livestock Records Corp., and is listed as paid in my online herd book.
- My animal is docile and would be a good representation of the Blonde d' Aquitaine breed when being viewed by the public.
- My animal is designated as a Purebred, a Fullblood or a Commercial (at least 50% Blonde).
- My animal is no older than 8 years, by calendar year (animals born in 2010 are the oldest eligible for this year's sale).
- My animal is in good body condition to be viewed by the public and will positively promote the Blonde d' Aquitaine breed.
- If my animal is a Fullblood female or any bull, it has been parentage verified through SNP at Delta Genomics.
- If my animal is a bull, I also have a female to consign. I also understand each consignor is only able to consign one bull (not including calves younger than 200 days that sell at the side of cow).
- I understand that my animal must be present at Hoards Station Sale Barn no later than 9:30am on Saturday October 27, 2018.

**If you have any questions or concerns about these rules please contact the Sale Committee Chair: Eric Doran – 613-438-2599 or [bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com](mailto:bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com)**

What information should I have ready for Deadline #1 of sale entries?

**DEADLINE #1: SUNDAY AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

- Pedigree information (Date of birth, tattoo, Sire and Dam information and registration number).
- Breeding information, if my animal is selling as bred.
- Description of my entry, to be posted on website and in catalogue
- Good quality picture, please contact Eric for direction on how to take the picture if you need assistance.

**HOW TO MAKE AN ENTRY IN THE SALE**

Contact: Sale Committee Chair - Eric Doran

Phone or Text: 613-438-2599

Email: [bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com](mailto:bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE #1 FOR ENTRIES IS: SUNDAY AUGUST 5, 2018**

Info to have ready when you contact: Use checklist above.

What information should I have ready for Deadline #2 of sale entries?

**DEADLINE #1: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

- EVERYTHING on the checklist for Deadline #1.
- Updated picture (if necessary)
- Updated breeding information (preg-checks, etc.)
- I need to have any SNP and parentage verification completed for this deadline, **or my entry will be removed from the sale lineup.**
- I need to have a registration number issued for my animal at CLRC, **or my entry will be removed from the sale lineup.**
- I need to have my \$50 per animal fee submitted to Eric, **or my entry will be removed from the sale lineup.**
- I understand that if I fail to have my registration number and/or SNP/parent verification completed on any sale entries they WILL not be catalogued and cannot be sold in the sale.**

# *Thank-you to our current Banner Sponsors!!*

Fee Haven Farms – Paul, Susie & Emily Fee  
Schiestel Blondes – John & Jane Schiestel  
JAE Acres – Harry & Elizabeth Bouwmeester  
Halcyon Farms – John & Ilse Vink  
Forest View Farms – Rick & Jan Drinkill  
Dovecote Blondes – John & Debbie Plas  
Crystal Farms – Paul & Mary-Ellen Ferguson  
One OAK Blondes – Nicholas Boyd  
Acres Farms – Steven Acres  
Little Creek Blondes – Dave & Janet Kamelchuk  
Kendi Blondes – Ken & Diana Butyn  
Miller Insurance Brokers  
Hilltop Orchard Farm – Dave & Sheia McNeven  
Ridge View Blondes – Kirk McGee  
Bar K Farms – Dave Payne & Lisa Leduc  
Quebec Blonde d' Aquitaine Association

*There are many more banner and sponsorship opportunities  
available for our 2018 National Show  
to be held at Markham Fair!  
Contact Paul Fee or Eric Doran*

## **4H MEMBERS!!!**



**CANADA**  
4-H Ontario

**The OBdAA will once again,  
be awarding \$150 to each  
member who completes their  
year with a Blonde or  
Blonde influenced project calf!**

2018  
Canadian Blonde d' Aquitaine Association  
**NATIONAL EVENTS**

Hosted by the  
**Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Association**

In conjunction with  
Markham Fair & the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Cream of the Crop' Sale

**Schedule of Events:**

**Saturday September 29, 2018** - Markham Fairgrounds, Markham, Ontario  
Cattle able to move into fairgrounds evening before the show  
10am - 4H and Blonde d' Aquitaine Youth Show  
Noon - National Blonde d' Aquitaine Show

**Saturday October 27, 2018** - Campbellford & Trenton  
1pm - 18th Annual 'Cream of the Crop' Sale to be held at Hoards Station Sale Barn  
6pm - Banquet Dinner - 'Harvest East' Room, Ramada Trenton

**Sunday October 28, 2018** - at Ramada in Trenton, ON  
8:30-9am - Brunch provide by Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Association  
9am - Registration - Canadian Blonde d' Aquitaine Association Annual Meeting  
in the 'Harvest East Room'

**Please RSVP for the Banquet Dinner with Eric Doran by August 15, 2018.**  
**[bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com](mailto:bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com) or 613-438-2599**

There is a block of rooms at the Ramada Hotel in Trenton for Friday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> and Sat Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$108/night + HST for queen or double rooms. Alterations may be made at specific request for addition cost. The block will close on Sept 15th, 2018. The Ramada is right off the 401 at the Glen Miller Rd. exit. Please call 613-394-4855 to confirm your reservations.

There are rooms available at the Comfort Inn in Markham (Woodbine Ave.) for the National Show. Please book in plenty of time, there is no block reserved. This is the recommended hotel by the fair, mention you are attending the Markham Fair and they will apply a discount. Please call 905-477-6077 to book your rooms.

**For more information, questions or concerns please contact one of our Board Members:**

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| - Eric Doran -   | - Nicholas Boyd -  |
| - Show & Sale -  | - National Meeting -   |
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