



Canadian Blonde D'aquitaine Association

Message from the President:

What a year 2020 has been. 7 months of the pandemic and no end appears to be in sight. Almost all cattle related events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 but thankfully the Cream of the Crop Sale is still proceeding full steam ahead on October 24th at Hoards Station, with a new 4pm start time. Barring any major setbacks, the sale will follow all provincial guidelines in regards to spectators. At last asking Hoards Station said 100 people would be allowed to attend in person. This year, LiveAuctions.tv will be broadcasting the sale for those who cannot make it in person. You will be able to bid via their website but you must make an account at least 2 days prior to sale day. Make sure to watch for any important updates as the sale gets closer. Kirk McGee has done a fabulous job with the catalogue which is available online and should be arriving in your mailbox very soon. The CBDA has two very important virtual events going on. The first ever National Virtual Show allows any and all members to compete as the animals do not need to be halter broke. The show committee has put together guidelines on what is required when filming and entering your cattle for this unique event. It would be great to see many individuals compete as this event requires very little prep work and offers up some great rewards. Be sure to get involved and show off your cattle. The second virtual event the CBDA will be hosting is their AGM. This will be scheduled for later November and done through an online platform. Watch for important dates with that one. Hoping everyone stays safe and enjoys the current strong cattle prices at the sale barn.

Nicholas Boyd

News from the Board:

Neogen, the lab that processes our DNA samples for parentage, has changed the process somewhat. When sending in hair samples you must either use Hair Cards available directly from them (\$0.50 each), or by taping and folding the hair directly onto the form as per the pictures on the next page. There will be an additional \$10 fee for samples sent with the improper format. The system has been changed to speed up the process and decrease the chance of human error at the lab.

Please see the information regarding the National Video Show and the 2020 AGM in this Newsletter. We feel this is an excellent opportunity for our members across the Country to get involved, much more so than in a "normal" year.

Myrna Flesch of West Wind Blondes Stavley, Alberta passed away on Friday, June 26, 2020 at the age of 78 years. Myrna was a long time member of the CBDA Board and served as the President for many of those years. There is a link to the full obituary on the CBDA website.



NEOGEN Hair Sample Instructions



- 1 Pull (do not cut) hair from the tail switch, not tail head. Pull hair in the opposite direction from which the hair is laying. This results in less breakage than pulling straight out from the tail. Make sure hair is free of fecal material and dirt.



- 2 Roots must be clearly visible. Approximately 30 hair roots are needed. For animals with finer hair, a minimum of 50 to 60 hairs is desired. For animals younger than three months, blood is recommended since hair roots will likely not be visible.

HAIR CARD OPTION



Open the collector and peel back the plastic cover. Insert the root end of hairs in the middle of the collector. Seal the plastic cover over the hair and then close the collector cover tab.

TAPE/FORM OPTION



Tape the hair on the left half of the form underneath the Name and Registration number box



Trim excess hair extending from the collector. Write animal ID and other information in the spaces provided.



Fold the form in half length wise



Fold the form one more time so that the hair is on the inside of the fold and the barcode on the form is facing outwards

Notice of Annual General Meeting

TAKE NOTICE that the 46th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association will be held on-line via video/voice conference on **Saturday November 28, 2020**. Call to Order at 1:00 p.m. EST

More details regarding the video/voice conference process will be sent out prior to the meeting.

For the purpose of receiving:

- Reports of the Officers and the Financial Statements of the Association for 2019
- For the appointment of Accountants
- For the election of Directors
- For the transaction of such other business as may come before the Meeting

Resolutions

Anyone who wishes to propose any changes to the Bylaws must do so before **October 20, 2020**. Before any proposed change can be considered, it must be sent out by the Association with the official call for the Annual Meeting at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Please submit proposals for enactment, amendments or repeal of bylaws to the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association c/o Box 5959, Westlock, AB, T7P 2P7 with the signatures of two members. The membership will consider proposed changes at the Annual Meeting. Any additions or changes need a 2/3 majority to pass. If you have any questions or need help in wording please contact: Reed Rigney 780-348-5308 or rigney@clearwave.ca

Nominations

At the Annual Meeting this year there will be three (3) director's positions up for nomination. The terms of Nicholas Boyd, Paul Ferguson and Bill Van Bakel are up. You may nominate someone prior to the meeting by contacting Reed Rigney 780-348-5308 or rigney@clearwave.ca and nominations will also be taken from the floor at the AGM. If you are nominating someone, it is wise to talk to that person to confirm that he/she is a paid-up member of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association and if that person would be willing to allow his/her name to stand. These three positions will be for three year terms.

Est.1983	Prefix DO & SMD
Maple Down Farm	
Fullblood – Purebred - Percentage	
Herd Sire: Butternut Eldred King O5E	Hall Field Icarus
	Pleasant Valley Tease 7T
<i>visitors welcome!</i>	
Mervyn & Gail Downey – Stephen & Carol Downey	
178 Downey side Road, Pakenham, ON K0A 2X0	
Tel.: (613)-624-5346 Fax: (613) 624-5928 Email: m.downey@sympatico.ca	

2020 National Video Show



Entry/Video deadline October 1, 2020

Promotions Committee Chair - Reed Rigney (780) 348-5308 or rigney@clearwave.ca

SHOW RULES

1. Videos will be accepted at any time until October 1, 2020. Please provide animal name and birth date.
2. Videos must be sent to Reed Rigney by the closing date. They can be sent via private message on Facebook, placed on Youtube with a link emailed or emailed via file sharing services. The video file size of a direct email will be too large and will not work.
3. All entrants must be 2020 CBDA members in good standing by the entry deadline 4. Entries must be registered 75% (3/4) Blonde or above. Registrations must be applied for and received by the CLRC prior to the entry deadline.
5. Animals may be presented on a halter or loose. Animals do not need to be halter broken. 6. Washing/Clipping/Fitting allowed, but not mandatory.
7. Video should show the animal at a distance, moving towards (front end/feet/legs), moving away (back end/back legs/feet) and down the top if possible. We will have an example video available.
8. The show committee and/or Judge reserves the right to refuse entries that they deem not sufficiently presentable as these videos will be available for viewing on social media/CBDA website. This may include excessively dirty cattle, wild cattle, overly thin, unpleasant background, etc.
9. Cow/Calves may be split for classes. Both are eligible for the Championship class should they advance.
10. \$10 per entry

PRIZES:

Banners will be presented to the Division Champion/Reserve Champions, Grand/Reserve Champions as well as the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor.

PRIZE MONEY:

Will be paid on a Jackpot system. All entry fees and Sponsorship will be used for prizes/prize money.

CLASSES:

- Class 1. Junior Heifer Calf born April 1, 2020 or later
- Class 2. Senior Heifer Calf born March 31, 2020 or earlier
- Class 3. Junior Yearling Heifer born April 1, 2019 or later
- Class 4. Senior Yearling Heifer born March 31, 2019 or earlier
- Class 5. Two Year Cow/Calf born in 2018
- Class 6. Mature Cow/Calf born prior to 2018

- Class 7. Dry Cow born 2018 or later
- Class 8. Junior Bull Calf born April 1, 2020 or later
- Class 9. Senior Bull Calf born March 31, 2020 or earlier
- Class 10. Junior Yearling Bull born April 1, 2019 or later
- Class 11. Senior Yearling Bull born March 31, 2019 or earlier
- Class 12. Two-Year-Old Bull born in 2018
- Class 13. Mature Bull born prior to 2018