



# Holstein Canada

## Resolutions for the 2015 AGM

The Board of Directors reviews and discusses all resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting of Members. Often further investigation may be required before any action is taken. Resolutions are not binding upon the Board in any way. Any action taken with respect to resolutions passed will be reported to the membership via the Annual Report published the following year.

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### A. Subject Area: On Farm Data Exchange

#### 1. Submitted by Branch / Club: Manitoba

- Whereas, web connective technologies have resulted in increased productivity in the modern economy;
- Whereas, more information is available with current on-farm computers & software programs;
- Whereas, the need to make the process for registration easier;

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada look at ways to efficiently exchange data from on-farm software for registrations.

#### 2. Submitted by Branch / Club: Québec

- Whereas due to a shift from the traditional system, the amount of production data is decreasing;
- Whereas robotic systems' measurement tools are very accurate;
- Whereas this data would be very useful for genetic evaluations;
- Whereas many animals are sold to herds using these systems;

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada make the necessary recommendations for data compiled by robotic systems to be recognized by Holstein Canada and DHI agencies (CDN, Valacta, etc.) and in return, said herds must use Holstein Canada's classification systems on a regular basis.

### B. Subject Area: Shows

#### 3. Submitted by Branch / Club: Québec

- Whereas the number of Red & White animals exhibited at the Supreme Dairy Show has been higher than at the Royal Winter Fair for the past couple of years;
- Whereas the majority of exhibitors are from Québec;

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada recognize the Red & White Holstein Show at the St-Hyacinthe's Supreme Dairy Show as the National Red & White Show.

#### **4. Submitted by Branch / Club: Québec**

- Whereas our National Holstein Show is important;
- Whereas it is held in the center of Toronto, where it is not easily accessible to the agricultural stakeholders;
- Whereas exhibitors do not feel secure where their trucks and trailers are parked and that vandalism has been on the rise for the past two years;
- Whereas it is not easy for the animals to enter the facility and that our animals are on the road for very long hours with only three (3) days of rest before the National Show;
- Whereas it is becoming more and more expensive to show cattle at the RAWF (a minimum of \$1,200 per head) and that the number of head is decreasing from year to year;
- Whereas ticket price, parking, hotel and taxis are very expensive for both visitors and exhibitors;

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada revisit the pros and cons for both exhibitors and visitors attending the National Show and that following this analysis, Holstein Canada consider making improvements or looking at the pros of moving the National Show elsewhere in the future.

#### **5. Submitted by Branch / Club: Québec**

- Whereas it is a source of pride to have an animal at the RAWF; when two (2) females from the same mother are exhibited together, it is an even greater achievement;
- Whereas this class is present in the majority of the shows in Qc;
- Whereas this class puts the spotlight on the mother as this is what breeders want; i.e. having good brood cows in their herds;
- Whereas too often, there are too few entries for Progeny of Dam Class at Agricultural Shows;
- Whereas one should always improve what can be improved in Agricultural Shows in order to better their competitiveness;
- Whereas we can often see a dam and her daughter exhibited by both breeders and exhibitors at shows

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada add the progeny of the dam class at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

#### **6. Submitted by Branch / Club: Québec**

- Whereas Red & White cattle exhibitors only have one choice to show their animals, either in the Red & White category or in the Black & White category;
- Whereas it is important to continue having quality Red & White Shows;

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada make recommendations to show organizers to make it mandatory for the owners willing to show their animals in the Black & White category to also show their animals in the Red & White Show, should there be an existing Red & White Show.

## **C. Subject Area: Breed Improvement**

### **7. Submitted by Branch / Club: Prince Edward Island**

- Whereas Holstein Canada is continually striving towards Breed Improvement.
- Whereas health, fertility and locomotion play a major role in longevity of the Holstein cow and crampiness has a direct negative impact on said traits,
- Whereas due to their larger number of offspring sires affect the Holstein population significantly.

**Be it resolved** that any sire identified as being crampy by Holstein Canada is coded on their pedigree as such.

## **D. Subject Area: Tags**

### **8. Submitted by Branch / Club: Nova Scotia / Newfoundland**

- Whereas software programs are available to cattle show managers to utilize the Holstein Canada database;
- Whereas these programs can also use the NLID tag readers for data input;

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada link NLID tag data with the animal's registration number and other core animal data needed for a show catalogue.

## **E. Subject Area: Information Services**

### **9. Submitted by Branch / Club: New Brunswick**

- Whereas Holstein Canada promotes the genomic testing of heifers as a management tool for breeders;
- Whereas the majority of breeders have neither the time, nor the knowledge to make use of the Microsoft Excel Genomic Inventory Report for their herd;

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada improve the Excel Genomic Inventory Report so that it becomes a useful and valuable herd management tool.

### **10. Submitted by Branch / Club: New Brunswick**

- Whereas the use of genomics has allowed the identification of genetic defects and lethal gene combinations;
- Whereas standard genomic testing determines carriers of lethal gene combinations

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada develop a plan to both educate breeders about how to handle these genetic defects, and how to communicate carriers to breeders.

## **F. Subject Area: Awards**

### **11. Submitted by Branch / Club: Saskatchewan**

- Whereas superior production is already based on fat and protein, and no credit is given to milk;
- Whereas Canadian Breeders are in a system that pays producers based on component yield and not on milk volume;

**Be it resolved** that Holstein Canada revisits the current way of awarding Longtime Production, and makes changes to award cows based on total Fat and Protein yield, instead of milk yield.