

COMING SOON QUARTERLY REPORT

THE CORRAL

SPRING 2017

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Firstly, I want to thank all of the members who came out and supported the first of two National Beefalo Shows this year. We had 43 entries at the Show and Sale, and they were all great quality animals. We were one of the top breeds at the Kentucky Beef Expo with our 43 head. The sale went well with one of the highest average sales in our breeds history with a little over \$2,000 per head. If anyone would like to participate in this event in the future please contact me at (502) 641-7878. Keep in mind that bulls don't typically do to well at this event in the sale ring so please bring more females than bulls.

We also had a General Membership meeting in conjunction with this event, where we elected and re-elected 3 guys to the Board of Directors. After the General Membership meeting there was a short Board meeting to elect the Officers for this year (*Please see back page Directory for results*). With David at the end of his term, I was elected to become the new President.

I come into the position with a lot of hope about moving the organization forward in a positive direction. I will be looking to bring the ABA up-to-date on today's market, as well as improving our connection and efficiency as an organization. There are some new ideas on how to go about doing so and I will keep the membership posted and included as we move forward.

Since our February meeting, we have taken steps to get a few of these ideas going. Our board has already developed special committees to help us address specific issues more quickly and better interact with members. Speakers are being scheduled for future meetings that will help guide us in the direction that we need to go to grow. Following this issue, the Corral will be sent periodically and as-needed based on news, up-coming events, and updates, instead of monthly. In addition we will be issuing a Quarterly Report, each season, to cover in-depth issues, opportunities, and concerns facing us as Beefalo producers. We will be encouraging member responses to these articles and aim to create an interactive conversation on our breed and it's future.

Look for things such as EPD's, "expected progeny differences," to be a major topic in the coming months. Though our registration applications already has a location to fill out related to this, many do not yet do so. The areas, towards the bottom of the the application, with such fields as Birth Weight, Weaning Weight, Yearling Weight, and Calving Ease are vital in proving the valuable nature of our breed. We will be looking at adding additional categories to this as well as an established EPD form.

We are one of few breeds that do not yet offer EPD's. This hurts our organization, breed, and us as producers. It will open up new markets, especially for the bulls. There are a lot of government programs out there that offer cost share on buying a bull that fits certain criteria on EPD's. There are even some heifer programs that do the same. It is time for our breed to take advantage of this system and the opprotunities offered.

The second National Beefalo show this year will be in August, in conjunction with the Missouri State fair. I have asked Shelby Wells, who designed our new website, to speak at our meeting. She has had a window into our organization, and with her familiarity with agriculture and marketing degree, she has been more than helpful in an offering outside perspective when we have asked for advice. I think it would be helpful for the organization to hear from her, instead of from me, so that questions can be asked and options discussed. I hope everyone can attend so that we can all move forward together.

Sincerely,
American Beefalo Association President
Kyle Skidmore

OUTGOING PRESIDENT 'S LETTER | GOING FORWARD

Well, the Show and Sale in Louisville is over and went very well. I would like to thank Kyle and all of his help for a job well done. I would also like to thank all of you who either participated or just went to support our great breed. We had a very good meeting with good discussions on where we need to go and a few issues that the board needs to look into going forward. We elected 3 board members Matt Super and Alan Harris were re-elected for another term and we added a new face to the board and would like you to help me welcome Brian Miller to the board. Brian and his family are from Ohio.

Spring came early Missouri and we are thankful for the good weather for our spring calving and new grass. I hope all of you are having a good calving season as well. I know that prices are not what they were the last couple of years but we are seeing some good interest from some small Grocery Store chains in the North West and in Texas and this can only be good for all of us. We need to be sure we are keeping track of all of the bulls we sell so we can capture all of their calf numbers for our meat supply if they are needed. It would be good to have those breeders as members also but if we just make sure that the bulls are registered and transferred and make sure and stay in touch with them it could help all of us with the numbers that we could soon be needing. Our market is growing but we must do everything correctly to be sure we help one another as we grow so we can all benefit from our success.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for what you do.

Thank you,
David McCoy



MEMBER NEWS | OBITUARIES

The following members passed-on in the early part of this year. Please join us in wishing our best to the families of those lost. For more information and full obituaries please visit the ABA website.



Elsie Viola

1938 - 2017

Beloved wife and mother passed away 01/11/17 surrounded by family. Born to Idaho ranchers and happily married for 60 years to Robert J. Hanson, Elsie raised Beefalo with her husband, and son Paul. She was well respected within the Beefalo community for her knowledge and ability to judge good cattle. She is survived by her husband, sister, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous relatives.

Roland Lawrence

1939 - 2017

Methodist Minister and farmer, Ronald Preston Lawrence, died 01/18/17 at his area medical center. Roland was a member of the Smiths Grove United Methodist Church and attended Flatrock United Methodist Church, a member of the Smiths Grove Lions Club, an avid Lady Topper Fan, and member of the American Beefalo Association. He is survived by his wife Virginia "Jenny" Lawrence, sisters, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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