



The Beefalo Corral

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Annual Membership Meeting

The annual general membership meeting was held on Saturday August 7th, 2010 in Springfield, MO. Approximately 40 members attended the dinner and meeting where an update on the business of the association was presented by outgoing President Andrew Hammer.

After reading of minutes from the previous membership meeting, treasurer's report, and other basic business, several topics were discussed including:

- The pending non-profit status of the ABA
- The exhibition of Beefalo at the Ohio Beef Expo
- Welcoming two new state affiliates to the ABA
- Direction from the membership to the Board related to future growth of the organization.
- Beginning to rotate the location of the annual meeting between Springfield, MO and Louisville, KY.

The most important undertaking of the evening was the election of new Board members for a three-year term ending in 2013. The nominating committee presented Kyle Skidmore, David McCoy, and Bret Green. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Subsequently, a motion to accept the slate of officers proposed by acclamation was made and passed. The current Board of Directors is:

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A Board meeting was held the following day were the executive officers were elected as follows. President—Kyle Skidmore, Vice President—Andrew Hammer, Secretary—Vernon Zelch, Treasurer—Buzz Ide.

Please contact a member of the Board with any questions or comments you have regarding the Association. All will be happy to assist you.

- Promote your Breed with ABA clothing, ear-tags, etc. Coming soon to the ABA Web site.
- Send photos, articles promotions and advertising to the editor.
- Join the Beefalo discussion group coming to the Web site.

From the President — Kyle Skidmore

Greetings fellow beefalo breeders and ABA members, I have recently been elected to the position of The ABA President while we were in Springfield MO at the Ozark Empire Fair. The Show was a great success and a big thanks goes to all those participants who had a hand in it, and an even bigger thanks to the Hackers for orchestrating this event once again.

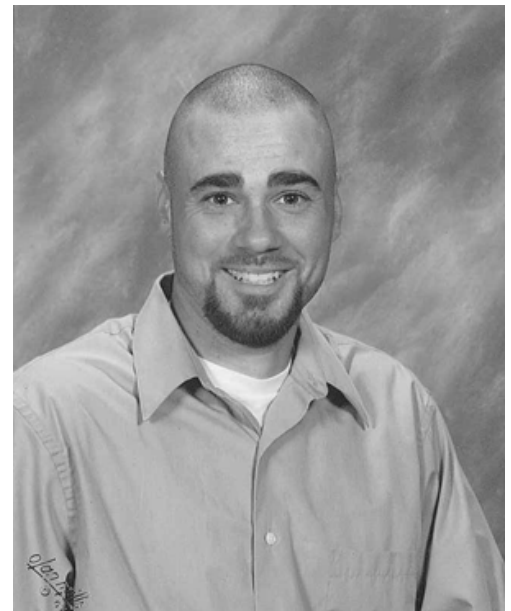
We also had our General Membership meeting in conjunction with this event. If you were unable to attend you can find out what was discussed by reading the minutes from the meeting.

With harvest upon us this is a very busy time for most of us. I am no different. I was not put in the position of President because I had more time to devote to it then anyone else. I believe I was elected because I am very excited about our breed and the possibilities that are out there for the product that we all produce. I plan on doing the best job I can do and work to promote the Beefalo breed to the best of my abilities. I encourage new ideas from members and I am open to any criticism anyone has about my performance or the performance of any of the Board of Directors. I look forward to dealing with the membership, and I am excited to be such a part of this organization. I will not hesitate to pick up the phone and call on members for help, so don't be surprised if I ask for help from the members from time to time!

Over the next few months there is going to be a lot of work that's going to be done both on everyone's farms and inside the organization. This organization cannot stand on just the labors of a few hardworking members that get out there and promote the breed. We need everyone to be promoting the breed every time you get a chance. The American Beefalo Association must grow in membership and in the number of animals in order for it to succeed. This is my GOAL while leading the organization as President, I want to make sure that the ABA both grows and succeeds!

I wish everyone a successful calve crop this year and good luck to everyone that is harvesting right now!

Sincerely,
Kyle Skidmore—American Beefalo Association President



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Beefalo on Exhibit

Over the course of the past several months Beefalo have been on exhibit at several major events as well as various local, regional, and county fairs. Each show, sale, or exhibit promotes the Breed and helps all Beefalo breeders to market and sell their cattle.

March 2010 – Kentucky Beef Expo

Thirty-nine animals from fourteen consignors competed during the show on Friday afternoon. As the show ramped up, a nice crowd gathered to watch the competition. This years Grand Champion Female is BNCB Winona II consigned by Mike and Teresa Barnhill. The Reserve Female is FPF Ripple consigned by Mark and Sue Guigar. The Grand Champion Bull is FPF Handsome consigned by Mark and Sue Guigar. The Reserve Bull is Flight Path's Userious consigned by Natalie and Andrew Hammer.

March 2010 – Ohio Beef Expo

ABA exhibited four animals at the Ohio Beef Expo, a Senior Bull, Yearling Bull, Senior Cow, and junior heifer. This was the first time that Beefalo were exhibited at a major cattle event in the state of Ohio. It was very surprising to learn the number of people who knew something about the Breed and even more surprising to learn the number of breeders who had raised Beefalo at some point.

The Ohio Beef Expo is one of the largest cattle events in the Eastern United States with more than 7000 cattle exhibited. The Board of Directors is currently researching the possibility of holding a breed show at this event in 2011 or 2012.

April 2010 – Michigan Beef Expo

Each year the Michigan Beefalo Breeders Association participates in the Michigan Beef Expo by presenting a show and sale. The event is held at an excellent facility on the campus of Michigan State University and is typically well attended. This show and sale is an excellent promotion of the Beefalo genetics available in and from the state of Michigan.

For complete show and sale details see page 11.

August 2010 – Ozark Empire Fair

Once again ABA held a national show at the Ozark-Empire Fair in Springfield, MO. 52 animals were exhibited and a large number of prospective buyers and breeders were met.

August 2010 – Missouri State Fair

Beefalo were exhibited at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia Missouri this year. More details to follow.

November 2010 – North American International Livestock Exposition

NAILE, held at the Kentucky State Expo Center, is the largest livestock exhibition east of the Mississippi river and runs 14 consecutive days. ABA is currently investigating the possibility of exhibiting Beefalo at this year's event. Details will be announced as they become available.

In addition to these major events, Beefalo have also been exhibited at many local, county, and regional fairs this summer and fall. To everyone who has exhibited and shown Beefalo throughout 2010, Thank You! The preparation, effort, and expense of taking animals on the road is enormous and the people that exhibit their animals do it to benefit the entire Breed and everyone who raises Beefalo.

Take this quote from a man at the Ohio Beef Expo as an example of the importance of exhibiting the Breed, "I've been hearing about these critters for more than 20 years and have never seen one until now." Make no mistake, the shows and exhibits are extremely valuable to the Breed and breeders. Every time we impact another cattleman, cattlemoan, rancher, farmer, writer, reporter, or neighbor with the positive message of Beefalo, we make great strides towards marketing the Breed.

2011 General Membership Meeting Set

By resolution of the general membership and in accordance with the verbal agreements made as part of the ABI – ABWR merger, the next General Membership Meeting will be held Friday March 4, 2011 in Louisville, KY. It is the intention of the Board of Directors, at the direction of the membership, to hold the annual meeting in conjunction with National shows or sales. This currently leaves the meeting to rotate between Springfield, MO and Louisville, KY in alternate years. Plan now to attend the National Show and Sale in Kentucky March 3rd to 5th 2011 and to join us for the membership meeting on March 4th. Details to follow.

Beefalo Best Practices—Save Your DNA...ALWAYS!

There are a surprising number of cases that come to the attention of the ABA Board and/or the Registration Review Committee where animals that should be register-able as Full Bloods are not because DNA information is missing on a Sire or Dam, Grand-Sire or Grand-Dam. We also see this issue come up in Ancestry breeding programs all too often.

To avoid all possible issues with DNA verification leading to animals that cannot be registered, please keep a DNA sample (tail hair sample) on every animal you raise. Tail hair samples are easy to collect when calves are being tagged, tattooed, worked, at weaning, at vaccination time, or any time you are handling your herd. Small Ziploc baggies with an area for writing animal information in permanent marker are available at most craft stores, or from the grocery. Maintaining these DNA samples (even after you have submitted for testing) is a Beefalo Best Practice that provides you with the supporting information to answer any future questions about the parentage of all animals that originate or spent time at your farm or ranch.

Welcome New ABA Chapters

Please join the ABA in welcoming two new State affiliates, The Texas Beefalo Association and the Mid-American Beefalo Association, to the organization. Both organizations were approved as state affiliates at the annual meeting in August.

The Texas Beefalo Association is new to promoting Beefalo in Texas. The primary purpose of TBA is to act as a central geographic focus for the breed in Texas, to make known the positive characteristics of Beefalo and the products offered to the public. More information is available at www.TexasBeefaloAssociation.com.

The Mid-American Beefalo Association joins ABA as the new, combined Beefalo Association for Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

Welcome to both the Texas Beefalo Association and the Mid-American Beefalo Association. The ABA is looking forward to participating in and helping your local associations continue to promote the Beefalo breed.

November 2010

Beefalo Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Due 8/10	2 Due 8/11	3 Due 8/12	4 Due 8/13	5 Due 8/14	6 Due 8/15
7	8 Due 8/16	9 Due 8/17	10 Due 8/18	11 Due 8/19	12 Due 8/20	13 Due 8/21
14	15 Due 8/22	16 Due 8/23	17 Due 8/24	18 Due 8/25	19 Due 8/26	20 Due 8/27
21	22 Due 8/28	23 Due 8/29	24 Due 8/30	25 Due 8/31	26 Due 9/1	27 Due 9/2
28	29 Due 9/3	30 Due 9/4		***Due indicates date cow should calve if bred on this date.***		

Upcoming Events

January 10, 2011 • Consignments due for Kentucky National Sale

February 1, 2011 • Scholarship Applications Due

Send Beefalo event information to the editor via email—Corral@AmericanBeefalo.org

March 3—6, 2011 • National Show and Sale

Notes...

Send us your announcements, notes, and congratulations for publication here.

Annual service fees for ABA membership are due by January 31 of each year. The service fees for 2011 remain \$25. The annual service fee is an integral part of the ABA's ability to operate successfully. For your \$25 you receive:

- The ability to vote on ABA issues and officers (if all other criteria for active membership are met)
- Listing on the ABA Web site as breeder and or meat producer
- Member rates for animal registrations
- Member rates for Corral and Web site advertising
- The Beefalo Corral

The following fee schedules were adopted for 2011.

Animal Registration Fees

Fullblood registration—\$20
 Purebred registration—\$20
 Percentage registration—\$20
 Meat Tag—\$5
 Registration Transfers—\$10
 DNA Testing—\$38

Membership & Service Fees

Lifetime Membership—\$100
 Annual Membership—\$50
 Associate Membership—\$25
 Junior Member—\$25
 Annual Service Fees—\$25

Corral Advertising

1/8 page (business card) - \$15 / mo
 1/4 page—\$25 / mo (\$250 per year)
 1/2 page—\$50 / mo (\$500 per year)
 Full page—\$70 / mo (\$700 per year)

Web Site Advertising

Featured Ads—\$25 per month
 Banner Ads—\$35 per month

Junior Members Come to Louisville, KY in March

There will be a junior showmanship competition in conjunction with the National Beefalo Show held in Louisville, KY on Friday March 4, 2011. The show is open to any ABA junior members as well as children or grandchildren of ABA members who are currently eligible to compete in 4H or FFA cattle shows.

There will be many opportunities to learn cattle grooming, fitting, handling, and showmanship skills throughout the weekend from experienced show persons including hands on assistance in preparing animals.

Please contact Mike Barnhill for more information and to sign up for the junior events.

Evelyn Garrett Scholarship Update

The Evelyn Garrett Scholarship program was created in 2009, "To recognize and honor more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Beefalo Breed by Evelyn Garrett and to inspire and encourage students to pursue agricultural and animal husbandry education."

The first annual scholarship award was announced at the Membership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Davielle McCoy of LaMonte, MO is the first recipient of the Evelyn Garret Scholarship. Davielle is attending Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Her major is Biology with a pre vet option. She is the daughter of David and Carrie McCoy. Davielle was nominated for the scholarship by John and Karen Fowler.



Davielle McCoy receives the Evelyn Garrett Scholarship presented by ABA President Andrew Hammer at the National Beefalo Show in Springfield, Missouri August 8, 2010

The scholarship fund continues to grow gradually and the scholarship for both 2011 and 2012 are already funded by generous donations from ABA members. The Board of Directors would like to further expand the program in the near future either by increasing the scholarship amount or by providing additional scholarships. You can contribute to this excellent new program by sending a check made out to American Beefalo Association Scholarship Fund to the ABA offices.

2011 Garrett Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2011 Evelyn Garrett Scholarship will be available via the ABA Web site (www.AmericanBeefalo.org) on December 1, 2010. The deadline for application is February 1, 2011. The applications will be reviewed in February and the 2011 scholarship recipient will be announced at the General Membership meeting in March.

2011 Kentucky National Show & Sale

The 2011 Kentucky National Beefalo Show and Sale will be held March 3rd to 5th at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Louisville, KY. This annual event is one of the hallmark events for our breed and brings breeders and buyers together from across the Country.

Consignments for the 2011 Kentucky National Show and Sale are due by January 10, 2011 and must include the \$135 consignment fee for each animal.

Classes will be:

FEMALE CLASSES

- B - 1 LATE JUNIOR HEIFER CALF** 6 months to 9.5 months old
Born between May 16, 2010 and Sept. 1, 2010
- B - 2 EARLY JUNIOR HEIFER CALF** 9.5 months to 11 months old
Born between April 1, 2010 and May 15, 2010
- B - 3 SPRING HEIFER CALF** 11 months to 12.5 months old
Born between Feb. 16, 2010 and March 31, 2010
- B - 4 WINTER YEARLING HEIFER** 12.5 months to 14.5 months old
Born between Dec. 16, 2009 and Feb. 15, 2010
- B - 5 FALL YEARLING HEIFER** to 18 months Old
Born between September 1, 2009 and Dec. 15, 2009
- B - 6 BRED HEIFER** 18 months to 26 months old
Born between Jan. 1, 2009 and August 31, 2009
- B - 7 COW WITH CALF AT SIDE** Cows over 2 yr. old, Calf under 6 mo. old
Cow born before March 1, 2009 Calf born after September 1, 2010
- B - 8 BRED COW** Over 26 months old
Born before Jan. 1, 2008

BULL CLASSES

- B - 9 BULL CALF** 9 months to 14 months old
Born between Jan. 1, 2010 and June 1, 2010
- B - 10 JUNIOR BULL** 14 months to 18 months old
Born between Sept. 1, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2009
- B - 11 SENIOR BULL** Over 18 months old
Born before Sept. 1, 2009

CHAMPION FEMALE CLASSES

C - 1 JUNIOR HEIFER CHAMPION

C - 2 INTERMEDIATE HEIFER CHAMPION

C - 3 SENIOR COW CHAMPION

C - 4 CHAMPION FEMALE

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE

CHAMPION BULL CLASS

C - 5 CHAMPION BULL

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

RESERVE CHAMPION BULL

Junior Showmanship

Kentucky National Show & Sale Continued

Schedule of Events

Thursday March 3rd, 2011 – Cattle arrive, check in, vet check, etc – Cattle must be in the barns by 12:00 PM

1:30 PM ET – Consignor's meeting – Kentucky Expo Center Main Lobby

6:30 PM ET - Fellowship meal Golden Corral Restaurant

Friday March 4th, 2011

2:30 PM ET - Kentucky National Show – Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

3:30 PM ET – Junior Showmanship Judging – Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

7:30 PM ET – Dinner and Membership Meeting

9:00 PM ET– Fun Auction (net proceeds to fund Evelyn Garrett Scholarship Fund)

Saturday March 5th, 2011

11:30 AM ET – Beefalo Sale – Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

Sunday March 6th, 2011

– Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY
Junior Heifer, Steer, and Market Heifer Jackpot Shows – junior members are eligible to participate in the Kentucky Beef Expo Steer, Heifer, Pen, and Jackpot Shows.



Over \$8000 in Premiums

Take a look at your herd, choose your best animals, and join the ABA at this excellent event. The show and sale are enjoyable enough to justify the trip. The premiums just sweeten the deal.

Information and consignment packets will be sent to previous participants in early December. If you have not participated in the past you may obtain an consignment package by contacting the ABA offices or show chairmen Mike Barnhill (731) 642-6618 or Mike Henry (423)

422-7638. Mentors are available for first time participants also.

Beefalo at Michigan Beef Expo



Michigan Beefalo Breeders Association

We had 5 exhibitors, Mike Carlton & Virginia Portor, Mark & Sue Guigar w/Cody, Bret & Debbie Green, Richard & Marilyn Kropf, Thad & Lisa Jackson.

As everyone arrived on Thursday, April 8, getting stalls ready for the animals was the first thing that needed to be done. Unloading any and all equipment and animals was next. We set up the MBBA booth, and were ready for the public. Bathing the animals was the next thing to do...for some of us that had taken animals to Kentucky, those animals didn't need near as much attention as did the animals that hadn't attended. We had a young man that was very helpful to everyone, he was there with Mark and Sue Guigar, Cody. Cody was with them at the Kentucky Expo also, he was definitely helpful their also. Friday morning our show was scheduled for 9am, which didn't leave a lot of time available for making sure any and all grooming was done on all of the animals. The show was great with the animals showing the public the quality of our breed. Below is a listing of the different classes and where the animals placed. There didn't seem to be near as much traffic through the expo the rest of the day, must be due to the economy. Saturday was our sale, and again we made sure that the animals were groomed to be taken into the sale ring too.

Eight heifers in 3 classes

1st place F1 HEIFER, OHBF CARMELLA, THAD JACKSON OLD HICKORY BEEFALO FARM

2nd place F1 HEIFER, GMMB 178W WONDER, BRET & DEBBIE GREEN, GREEN'S MM BEEFALO FARM

1st place F2 HEIFER, RMR SPARTANS ROYAL FLUSH, MIKE CARLTON, RO-MI RANCH

2nd place F2 HEIFER, FPF RIPPLE, MARK & SUE GUIGAR, FROSTY PINE FARM

3rd place F2 HEIFER, JRKB WHISPER, JAMES RICHARD KROPF, BIG MAPLE FARM

4th place F2 HEIFER, JRKB WILLOW, JAMES RICHARD KROPF, BIG MAPLE FARM

5th place F2 HEIFER, OHBF TWO SOCKS, THAD JACKSON OLD HICKORY BEEFALO FARM

1st place F3 HEIFER, GMMB 153U OLIVIA, BRET & DEBBIE GREEN, GREEN'S MM BEEFALO FARM

Five Bulls in 2 classes

1st place B1 BULL, JRKB WINDSON, JAMES RICHARD KROPF, BIG MAPLE FARM

2nd place B1 BULL, FPF BOURBON, MARK & SUE GUIGAR, FROSTY PINE FARM

3rd place B1 BULL, FPF HANDSOME, MARK & SUE GUIGAR, FROSTY PINE FARM

4th place B1 BULL, BTNB MACK, BRET & DEBBIE GREEN, GREEN'S MM BEEFALO FARM

1st place B2 BULL, GMMB 151T TORNADO, BRET & DEBBIE GREEN, GREEN'S MM BEEFALO FARM

Grand Champion Female, RMR SPARTANS ROYAL FLUSH, MIKE CARLTON, RO-MI RANCH

Reserve Champion Female, FPF RIPPLE, MARK & SUE GUIGAR, FROSTY PINE FARM

Grand Champion Bull, JRKB WINDSON, JAMES RICHARD KROPF, BIG MAPLE FARM

Reserve Champion Bull, FPF BOURBON, MARK & SUE GUIGAR, FROSTY PINE FARM

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