

Ayrwaves



28 May 2020



Welcome to the May Ayrwaves. As we issued the last newsletter in mid-March we were just heading into lockdown due to the Covid-19 global pandemic. The Ayrshire New Zealand team are now in our tenth week of working from home due to restrictions on our return to the LIC campus.

We are all well set up at home – we brought chairs, monitors, docking stations and other equipment home with us to smooth the transition. A small multifunction printer was purchased for basic printing & scanning needs and all bulk printing can still be managed via the LIC print room, it just takes a little longer for us to get it. All posted mail has been redirected. There is very little that we haven't been able to sort out with workarounds, and we are all keeping very busy. This week we were finally able to meet as a team for morning tea which we really enjoyed.

In exciting news just to hand, after an additional week of working from home the team will be returning to the office on Monday 8 June. We will not yet be able to have visitors, but are now well versed in virtual meetings! In the meantime if you need to contact us please see the contact information below.

Latest News

Dates to Remember

Queens Birthday – office closed

1 June

Notices of Motion close

5 June

Return to Office

8 June

Annual Report issued

18 June

Photo competition voting closes

30 June

Board meeting

1 July

Annual General Meeting, Christchurch

2 July

Ayrshire NZ

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Annual General Meeting 2020

The 2020 Annual General Meeting will take place at 9am on Thursday 2 July 2020 at the Sudima Hotel, Christchurch Airport. All members are welcome to attend. Notices of Motion will close on Friday 5 June. More information will be available next week on registration for this meeting, and we are also looking into adding a webinar option so that members can also join the meeting virtually. We will of course be restricted by the Level 2 restrictions to 100 participants in person.

The Societies Office has waived deadlines and meeting arrangements that are required either by statute or constitution, however they recommend that Incorporated Societies still hold an AGM in some format to adopt the audited accounts.

This will be an Annual General Meeting only, with none of the normal Conference activities. Special Awards will be presented during the meeting only if the person being honoured is present at the meeting.

Look out for registration information next week!

Office Occupancy

Ayrshire New Zealand holds a Deed of License to a share of the LIC building that we currently sub-lease back to LIC, and this is valued as an asset on our balance sheet. Following negotiations with LIC over recent months, the Ayrshire New Zealand Board has now advised LIC that we wish to relinquish our occupancy rights and the Deed of License will be purchased back by LIC under terms contained in the Deed. This has been impacted by the clause in the Deed that stipulates that we must occupy the space, and the recent decision of Jersey NZ to also sell their occupancy Deed of License. Jersey NZ are now looking for new premises and the office will move elsewhere in Hamilton within the next 12 months.

The Board of Ayrshire New Zealand intend to use the funds from the sale of the Deed to repay principal on the Bull Farm loan.

TOP Awards

As part of the Breed Society solution for DIGAD, all Breeds have been contemplating the adoption of the Holstein Friesian NZ award standards, which are based on the internationally accepted ICAR standards. With programming for DIGAD now underway, the data collection for TOP will be undertaken on

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the new platform for the 2020 season. Under the terms agreed by the Breed Societies with the development being led by Holstein Friesian NZ, any Society wishing to retain a different award structure must pay the programming costs associated with this. The quote has recently been received for this, and the Ayrshire New Zealand board have made the decision to meet this cost and maintain their existing award structure.

Director Vacancy – Central North Island Region

Following the nomination process earlier this year, there is a vacancy for a Director in the Central North Island region. The Board have decided that this vacancy will not be filled at this time. Nominations for this vacancy will be called for as part of the election process in 2021, and any successful Director will be appointed for a two year term as allowed for in the rules.

Awards and Competition Results

With the cancellation of the Awards Night at Annual Conference this year due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, all competition results and awards will be announced differently. At this stage our plan is to highlight a section of competition results and awards each week, rolling the results out on Facebook daily with follow up e-mails and website updates. A booklet of results is also being prepared for the On Farm Competition which will be sent with the Annual Report. All certificates and prizes will be sent to Ayrshire Clubs once we have returned to the office to be presented to the recipients at a club level. We hope we will then receive photos of the recipients with their certificates for inclusion in the Ayrshire Bulletin and a Facebook video. We trust that members understand the reasons for this change, and look forward to returning to Conference with an awards night in 2021.

Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competition

Got an eye for detail? See how closely you can rank these photos to our official judging.

www.ayrshire.org.nz/alltech-member-voting/ - (See attached for voting booklet, or vote online)

When voting for classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9, please place the finalists in order of preference based on the animal showing the best conformation. When voting for Class 5, place the finalists in order of preference based on the general appeal in promoting Ayrshires in New Zealand.

Scenic Photo Competition

View this years entrants and vote for your favorite from 1st to 6th. There are some great photos this year and make for an awesome gallery online! Head online and vote
- www.ayrshire.org.nz/ayrshire-scenic-photo-competition/

Semayr Breeding Services - 2020 Catalogue



AYRSHIRE SIRES OF THE FUTURE

To ensure the breed maintains its position as a breed of choice for New Zealand dairy farmers, we need to prove the bulls. And to do that, we need you!

The 2020 selection of Young Ayrshires are bred from a wide range of notable proven New Zealand and overseas sires, and consistent cow families. These young bulls represent a vibrant mix of genetics to improve BW, fertility and conformation for the Ayrshire breed.

- Free registration for all two year olds sired by Semayr Progeny Test bulls.
- Free classification for all your two year olds, if at least 20% are sire by Semayr Progeny Test bulls.
- Not available until spring mating. All orders subject to availability. If semen cannot be provided, LIC will contact you to arrange a replacement.
- Minimum 3 bulls and 20 straws in a Pak (equal quantities of each).

A catalogue is now on it's way to your door step, along with your issue of the Bulletin #173.

See attached or follow the link below to view the catalogue digitally - www.ayrshire.org.nz/semayr-breeding-services/

How to contact

While we are still working from home due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, our preference is that wherever possible you contact us electronically. Contact by telephone should only be made if you cannot do so electronically, or if your call is urgent. The team will be available for calls from 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday, and will not answer calls outside those hours. Likewise, while you are asked to e-mail us at any time, e-mails will be responded to during advertised hours.

It is important that the team maintain a good work/life balance over the next few weeks, and working from home unexpectedly will take some adapting for us all. We ask that you respect our home life and privacy. Please do not text us. For the most part we will be using personal phones, and texts cannot be monitored and managed in the same way that e-mails can.

If you received this notification by post - we don't have your e-mail address. PLEASE contact us if you have an e-mail address, or if you can monitor our websites. If we can contact you electronically you will receive information much faster, there will be less stress on the team managing mailouts and less cost to the Associations.

Who to contact

NOTE: Communications return to normal on Monday 8 June

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HERD SIGNS

New Farm Signs are out! If your old Ayrshire Farm Sign is looking worst for wear, then secure a new Ayrshire New Zealand farm sign today. Made from a durable 3PC aluminium core and are 841 x 594mm.

- SINGLE SIDED: \$178 + GST
- DOUBLE SIDED: \$210 + GST

We're excited to offer these signs again and look forward to seeing them on your gates.

TEA TOWELS

We are designing an Ayrshire New Zealand tea towel with our members STUD names.

If you want your stud name on the Ayrshire Tea Towel then contact Kandin ASAP to get your herd included. info@ayrshire.org.nz

We have a limited amount of spots and can include up to 60 stud names on the design.

You can have your Stud name printed in 3 sizes:

- Small - \$10
- Medium - \$20
- Large - \$30

Once design and production is complete, tea towels will be available for purchase by members.

MERCHANDISE

It's been a while since we had Ayrshire New Zealand merchandise going, but freshly updated merchandise is just around the corner. We have Caps, Polos, Hoodies, Jackets, Cooler bags and Tea Towels coming.

InvestAyr

Thanks to those members who have made donations to the Invest-Ayr fund over the past few months. With cull cow season almost upon us, we take this opportunity to remind members that these funds will be used to reduce the Associations debt, and free up capital for investment in projects such as the Breed Society solution for DIGAD, the new YOP solution and genomics.

We invite your investment.

To make a Cull Cow donation: Please use the Silver Fern Farms account **S080352**, and e-mail your details to Ayrshire New Zealand for acknowledgement.

To make a Cash donation: If you do not use Silver Fern Farms, you are welcome to make a cash donation into the following account **03-0306-0094345-003**

Please include your name and participant code in the reference fields.

All donations will be acknowledged, and receipts will be issued on request.

All donations will be deposited into a separate bank account, and used solely for the purpose of reducing debt, unless otherwise specified by the member.

We look forward to your support to help Ayrshire New Zealand develop, promote and maintain the Ayrshire breed as a credible option for New Zealand dairy farmers.

Email Attachments

If you are receiving this newsletter by post, all entry forms can be downloaded from the website, or posted from the office on request.

Electronic Notifications

Electronic notifications are a great way to keep abreast of all our communications to you. Where we have your e-mail address, and you have NOT previously advised us that you don't wish to receive mail electronically, we will use this. The exception is the Annual Report, which will be provided by post to all members unless they have advised us they would prefer to receive it electronically.

There are some great benefits to using electronic notifications – you will receive notifications immediately, it saves on printing and postage expenses for the Association, and it's better for the environment! You can manage your requirements with a simple phone call or e-mail to the office. Contact Robyn at info@ayrshire.org.nz or