

Iowa Breeders Hold Meeting in Independence

The regular meeting of the Iowa Jersey Cattle Club was held on March 18, 2017, at Bill's Pizza in Independence. Members discussed organization business, elected officers and enjoyed fellowship with their peers.

The open Jersey show at the Iowa State Fair will be held on August 10 at the state fairgrounds in Des Moines. The junior show will be held on August 12. Ted Dement, Kenney, Ill., will judge the open show and Joe Gibbs, Epworth, will officiate the junior show.

Publication of the club's magazine, *Iowa Jersey Today*, was discussed. Jennifer Zumbach, Coggon, is looking for someone to assume her responsibilities as editor. Blake Schulte, Coggon, and Grace Howe, Waukon, volunteered to assist with the creation of advertising. Jennifer will continue with editorial responsibilities for now.

Congratulations were extended to Bernie Bakker of Alford for being named selected as one of this year's AJCA Young Jersey Breeders. He will be recognized at the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings in Gettysburg, Pa., in June.

Members were also made aware that juniors Nick Bagge, Worthington, and Neil Mezger, Lester, will represent the state in the 2016 National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest.

The current slate of officers was re-elected to serve again in 2017 as follows: Jeff Holtz, Maquoketa, president; Harvey Metzger, Larchwood, vice president; and Jennifer Zumbach, secretary-treasurer.