

## **Iowa Breeders Meet in Independence**

The regular meeting of the Iowa Jersey Cattle Club (IJCC) was held on March 10, 2018, at Bill's Pizza in Independence. Though the primary focus of the gathering was to tend to organization business, Jersey breeders also took opportunity to socialize with peers and honor junior achievements with Jerseys.

Several options for the Iowa Spring Extravaganza Sale were presented, including partnerships with the Northeast Iowa Community College Dairy Science Club Sale, the Iowa Brown Swiss Association Sale or Jersey Marketing Service (JMS). Discussion will continue at the summer picnic, after further research can be completed.

The open Jersey show for the Iowa State Fair will be held on August 10 at the state fairgrounds in Des Moines, with Brady Core, Salvisa, Ky., serving as official. The junior show will be held the following day.

The IJCC publication, *Iowa Jersey Today*, will now be published twice annually, in the spring and fall. A newsletter will be distributed in the winter, as was done last year.

Officers were elected to serve the IJCC as follows: Jeff Holtz, Maquoketa, president; Blake Schulte, Coggon, vice president; and Jennifer Zumbach, Coggon, secretary/treasurer. Kevin Knapp, Larchwood, was elected to serve as a director-at-large.

### **Junior Awards**

Rachel Hefel, Epworth, was announced as winner of the 2018 Hawkeye Pot O'Gold Production Sale. Her entry, Golden Dream Topeka Jenny, produced a record with a combined fat and protein yield of 1,672 lbs. to top the contest. The Very Good-82% daughter of Heartland Merchant Topeka-ET, GJPI +35, produced a 2-2 record of 21,220 lbs. milk, 944 lbs. fat and 728 lbs. protein. She was consigned to the 2015 Hawkeye Pot O'Gold Sale by Nathan and Abby Cline of Decorah. Rachel will receive a check in the amount of \$350 (50% of the pot) for winning the contest.

KCKK, a partnership of Kaleb, Cole and Carter Kruse, Dyersville, placed second in the contest with their entry, Summetz Valentino Melva, who produced a 2-1 record of 18,277 lbs. milk, 878 lbs. fat and 571 lbs. protein. They will receive a check for \$210.

Nick Bagge, Worthington, and Lakaya Lyon, Toledo, the reigning National Jersey Queen, will represent Iowa in the 2017 National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest, with winners announced this fall.