

## **New York Jersey Breeders Meet in Liverpool**

The New York Jersey Cattle Club met for its annual meeting on January 13, 2017, at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, in conjunction with the New York All Breeds Convention. The meeting was primarily business in nature, with committee reports, election of officers and discussion of old and new business.

Bethany Beiersdorf, Freedom, gave the state sale report, noting this year's New York Next Generation Sale will be held on May 6 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds in Bath. The sale will be managed by Jersey Marketing Service, with plans to catalog about 150 head. The sale will again feature 50 tie-up lots and 100 volume lots. Online bidding will be made available through JerseyBid.com and JerseyAuctionLive.com.

Lynda Lehr, Canastota, spoke about junior activities. Juniors had a very successful fundraising year, completely selling out of items produced last year. They are discussing options for this year, including a contest for the design carried on this year's fundraising materials. They will also sponsor a calf raffle again this year, selling tickets at the state sale and spring show and drawing the winner at the state fair. Lyman Rudgers, Attica, has agreed to donate the calf for this year's project.

Lehr congratulated New York juniors Maxwell Chittenden, Schodack Landing, and Kylie Lehr, Canastota, for being selected to attend the fifth class of Jersey Youth Academy this summer in Columbus, Ohio.

Members approved extending an invitation to the national Jersey organizations to host their annual meetings in Saratoga Springs in 2019. Becky Ferry, Johnstown, and Beth Beiersdorf were selected to co-chair the event.

The current slate of officers was re-elected to serve the club again in 2017. Officers are Brian Chittenden, Schodack Landing, president; Becky Ferry, vice president; Sandra Scott, Johnstown, and Bethany Beiersdorf, co-secretaries; and Alan Danforth, Cobleskill, treasurer.

Jersey breeders also heard from Sara Barlass, AJCA-NAJ Area Representative, who brought the group up-to-date on activities of the national Jersey organizations. The AJCA registered 111,409 animals in 2016; New York breeders registered 3,851 animals. Sales of JerseyTags were up 49% versus 2015 and transfers were second high in recent history at 28,536.

Barlass also mentioned that the Green

Book and the Yellow Book are now available by request only for \$20 per year. However, the publications are available free-of-charge online at <http://greenbook.usjersey.com>.

Members were invited to attend the summer picnic, tentatively scheduled for July 15. The event will be hosted by the Crothers family at their farm in Pitcher. Underground Genetics is enrolled on REAP and has a 2016 lactation average of 17,301 lbs. milk, 853 lbs. fat and 639 lbs. protein. The herd of 31 Excellent and 23 Very Good cows has an appraisal average of 89.3%.