

NEWSLETTER

NOTICE OF THE 50TH BSCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Formal notice is hereby given that the 50th Annual General Meeting of the British Simmental Cattle Society Ltd will be held by electronic means, Zoom Meeting, **on Monday 26th October 2020, commencing at 11.00am.**

Attending the AGM

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 situation, the Society's 50th AGM will be held by electronic means via a Zoom Meeting. If you wish to attend the meeting please contact the Society office on Tel: 02476 696513 or by email: information@britishsimmental.co.uk At that time you will be issued with a Meeting ID and a Password to use on the 26th October to access the meeting through Zoom.

Please download Zoom prior to the AGM

We recommend that the Zoom app is downloaded on your smartphone, tablet, or the zoom plugin downloaded and installed on your computer well in advance of the meeting. The easiest way to connect is from your smartphone or tablet, or using the link after you have installed the app.

ELECTION BALLOT PAPERS & PERSONAL MANIFESTOS

Within this mailing, BSCS members in England and Scotland will find: ballot papers for the respective elections to Council for those groups; personal manifestos from each of the candidates; and an addressed envelope to return the completed forms to the election ballot officer. All completed ballot papers must have been received, by the ballot officer, by Friday, October 16th. Results of the elections will be duly declared at the Society's 50th AGM on 26th October.

BSCS 50TH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020

Please find enclosed within this mailing the Society's 50th Annual Report in the usual booklet format. The report carries the AGM agenda; the previous AGM minutes; the President's report; and the report of the Trustees and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2020.

2020 BSCS ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL

At the close of the nomination period the following names had been received:

ENGLAND GROUP:

Four nominations have been received for the three positions available in the England Group and they are: **Barry Harding, Hallway Herd; Chris Martindale, Forsdale Herd; Richard Storer Smith, Storer Smith Herd; Kevin Thomas, Crowgey Herd.** Therefore a ballot of England Group members is required.

SCOTLAND GROUP:

Two nominations have been received for the one position available in the Scotland Group and they are: **Adrian Ivory, Strathisla Herd; and Richard Pettit, Spey-Bay Herd.** Therefore a ballot of Scotland Group members is required.

NORTHERN IRELAND GROUP:

Two nominations have been received for the two positions available in the Northern Ireland Group and they are: **Robin Boyd, Slievenagh Herd; and Andrew Clarke, Bregaghey Herd.** No ballot is therefore required and Robin Boyd and Andrew Clarke will be declared as duly elected at the 2020 AGM.

WALES GROUP:

One nomination has been received for the one position available in the Wales. That is: **Daffyd Jones, Banwy Herd** nominated for the one position available. No ballot is therefore required and Daffyd Jones will be declared as duly elected at the 2020 AGM.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN: ADVERTISE IN THE SOCIETY'S 50TH ANNUAL REVIEW!

Members are invited and encouraged to advertise in the BSCS's 50th Annual Review! Bookings are now being taken and please find enclosed an order form for you to complete and return to the Society. The order form outlines the sizes you can book and also the costs of the respective adverts. Costs have again been maintained at previous rates. **The closing date for bookings is Friday 27th November.**

The flagship publication of the Society, The Review is typically 200+ colour pages packed full of news, information, reports, and reflections around the

British Simmental breed. Covid-19 has of course had a massive impact on the year and we won't be able to have the usual coverage of shows, sales and events in the year. However we are working hard to ensure that the 50th Review will be of the high standard expected and with special reflections of fifty years of the breed and the Society in the UK.

Publication of the 50th Review will be aimed at late February/early March in 2021. Copies will be posted to members as per usual and also to the media, international associations,

colleges and universities, and to a list of industry influencers. The Review will also be available at shows, sales, and events through the 2021 year.

It's an anniversary issue and one not to be missed to advertise your herds, stock sires, semen available, or upcoming sales. We very much hope that you will support and advertise in the British Simmental 50th Annual Review and are happy to discuss your requirements. If you have any Review queries then please do contact the office on 02476 696513 or email: information@britishsimmental.co.uk

STOP PRESS: 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW RESCHEDULED FOR 9TH JULY 2021

The British Simmental Cattle Society's 50th anniversary show and sale will now take place on Friday 9th July 2021 in the Exhibition Hall, Borderway Mart, Carlisle. The rescheduled show and sale, postponed this year due to the Covid-19 situation, will follow a very similar format to what had been planned for this year. Commenting, BSCS President Michael Barlow said: "The anniversary show and sale will be a fantastic platform to showcase and promote the very best of British Simmental cattle and genetics. As importantly it will give breeders the opportunity to get together to celebrate the breed and society's 50th anniversary which we have missed out on this year. There is a lot of momentum and interest in the breed both domestically and internationally, and I very much hope breeders will support and attend the 2021 anniversary show." Plans are also in place to hold a 50th anniversary dinner following the show and sale. Look out for more information on this announcement in further newsletters and on the Society's website.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The main purpose of this newsletter has been to circulate the 50th Annual Report & Financial statements; the required election ballot papers; and to open bookings for the 50th Annual Review. Look out for a further extended newsletter to members in October.

STIRLING SIMMENTAL SALE, MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Members are reminded that the October Stirling Simmental Sale will take place on Monday 19th October. With the largest entry of all the beef breeds, 121 Simmental bulls have been entered to the sale, along with 13 females (eight of which are in-calf). The female sale will commence at 1.00pm with the bulls being sold at 1.30pm. Due to the present situation there will be no pre-sale show of bulls but it is expected that they will be paraded prior to heading to the sale ring. To view the animals entered head to www.britishsimmental.co.uk and click on the online sale catalogue button on the top right of the page under the banners.