

**Idaho Hay and Forage Association
2011 Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 2011
Burley Inn – Burley, Idaho**

CALL TO ORDER	President Dennis Strom called the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Idaho Hay and Forage Association to order at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at the Burley Inn in Burley, Idaho. There were approximately 100 members and guests present.
PRESENTATION OF DAN HALE HALL OF FAME AWARD	President Dennis Strom acknowledged the contribution of Don Hale, former president of the IHFA, who passed away this past year and announced that the board of directors had established the Don Hale IHFA Hall of Fame Award. President Strom read a bio about Dr. Glenn Shewmaker, the recipient of the award for 2011. Judi Hale, wife of Don Hale, joined Strom at the podium and made the presentation of the plaque to Shewmaker. Judi Hale addressed the members about Don's investment in IHFA and the history of the organization. Judi Hale concluded by saying that Don's message to those present would be, " <i>Stay involved</i> ".
GREETINGS FROM US SENATOR CRAPO	President Dennis Strom invited Don Dixon, representing Senator Mike Crapo, to the podium for some remarks. Don Dixon brought greetings on behalf of Senator Crapo to the members and guests.
2010 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED	The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were included in the participant packets (see attached). <u>Will Ricks moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Seconded. Passed.</u>
YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT RECEIVED	Executive Director Rick Waitley presented the year-end financial report for the period of January 1, 2010–December 31, 2010 (see attached). <u>Jim Little moved to receive and file the financial report. Seconded. Passed.</u> Robert Baumgartner asked if the current interest being paid on invested money was the best interest that could be secured at this time. Rick Waitley agreed to check on this question and report to the board of directors.
THANKS TO BOARD FOR YEAR OF SERVICE	Under old business, President Dennis Strom thanked the members of the board for their year of service and asked them to stand while the members acknowledged their leadership.
BY-LAW AMENDMENTS RATIFIED	Under new business. Executive Director Rick Waitley explained the recommended by-law changes being proposed by the board of directors and asked members to reference the changes as outlined in their packets (see attached). <u>Glenn Meyer moved that the membership ratify the recommended changes in the by-laws. Seconded. Passed.</u>
NOMINATION REPORT	Jim Blanksma, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, brought the nomination report to the members. Incumbents willing to allow their name to remain in nomination for another year of service included Dennis Strom, Ben McIntyre, and Jay Fielding. <u>Rick Pearson moved that all three board members be retained for another term of service on the board. Seconded. Passed.</u> Jim Blanksma announced that there were two vacancies on the board at this time – Don Hale and Michael Larson who had moved out of the state in recent months.

NOMINATIONS FOR
TWO VACANT BOARD
POSITIONS

Will Ricks nominated Michael Toone. A second nomination was received from the floor for Chris Pratt. Chairman Jim Blanksma asked for nominations from the floor. Gary Chamberlain moved that nominations cease and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Michael Toone and Chris Pratt for board of director positions. Seconded. Passed.

BOARD MEMBERS
ELECTED

President Dennis Strom encouraged members to visit the IHFA store in the Perkins Room. Rick Waitley explained the importance of members submitting names of hay and forage producers to the IHFA office in order to maintain an accurate mailing list for IHFA information.

NAFA FLY-IN EVENT
REPORT

Will Ricks reported on the recent trip he and Jay Fielding made to Washington, DC on behalf of the IHFA to attend a National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance Fly-in event. Ricks reported that hay was the 3rd most profitable crop grown in the US and that, in comparison to cotton and wheat that have over 300 researchers assigned to each commodity, the alfalfa industry has a total of 12 researchers nationwide. Ricks reported that the main message in meeting with lawmakers and agency contacts set up by NAFA was that research dollars need to move forward to keep alfalfa profitable and of value as a commodity in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

President Dennis Strom challenged each member to get a new member over the coming year. Rick Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rick Waitley
Executive Director