

Highland Cattle Foundation

What You Should Know

by Mark Schulz

This past summer I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Highland Cattle Foundation (HCF). At that point, I thought I had an idea of what the HCF was all about. After the first two conference calls, I quickly realized that I had some misconceptions of the role the HCF plays and its relationship with the American Highland Cattle Association. After talking to some fellow Highland breeders about the Foundation, I realized they had similar misconceptions. Although still not an expert in this area, I would like to share what I have learned:

Q: Is the Highland Cattle Foundation a subsidiary of AHCA?

A: No, the HCF is a section 501(c)(3) corporation that is a separate organization from AHCA. The only link between AHCA and HCF is that the AHCA Board elects the HCF Board of Directors.

Q: Is the sole purpose of HCF to provide young people scholarships?

A: No, although providing scholarships is one of the important functions of HCF, it also preserves Highland genetics by providing semen to the National Animal Germplasm Program, supports educational projects (including the *AHCA Highland Breeder's Guide*) and makes grants to fund selected Highland research.

Q: How many individuals make up the HCF Board of Directors?

A: There are currently 4 members of the HCF Board of Directors. They are Wally Congdon, Ginnah Moses, Bill Roberts and Mark Schulz.

Q: Are donations to HCF tax deductible?

A: Yes, cash and non-cash donations are tax deductible to the extent of applicable law.

Q: Does the HCF seek out research projects and try to find a place where this research can be

done?

A: No, HCF will consider funding research projects that are brought to the HCF Board of Directors and are of benefit to the Highland breed through a grant. The research proposals may come from any organization or individual.

Q: Are there specific criteria that the research proposals should address to be considered?

A: Yes, they are outlined in the Highland Cattle Foundation Grant Making Policy. This can be found on the AHCA website under the Highland Cattle Foundation tab or contact the HCF office.

I hope this has given you a better idea of what the Highland Cattle Foundation is all about. If you have any questions that were not answered here, please feel free to contact me at (507) 582-1073 or info@flatlandfarm.com and I will find the answer for you. Thank you for your time.