



2017 CONVENTION REPORT



Convention 2017 Attendance: Standing: Robin & Terry Bryant (Director) Betty & Gene Kissner, Deb Hoida, Brenda Heimann, Ron Hoida, Lynda Smith, LuAnn & Dean Monson (Director VP) , Judy Brener, Scott Brener, Danny Meyer, Rick Smith, John (sorry John, I didn't get a last name...Harvey Blair (Director), Brian Gruetzmacher, Seated: Nash Heimann, Keaton Wulfekuhle, Jordan Heimann, Susan Blair (Secretary), and Diane Meyer
Saturday we were joined by Ben & Rachel Beaty and children, David Gallion, & Val and Troy Hoffmann (new members)

Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed the activities even though we had some rainy weather.

Special Thanks to our Host family Ron & Deb Hoida and their extended family, children and grandchildren for all the good eats with farm, fresh BEEF, lots of great conversations, and productive meetings.

The Board of Directors met on Friday morning. Then off to tour a worm farm operation. Worms are raised for the organic soils that they produce to use in gardens and other farming practices. We continued our caravan to the Peshtigo Fire Museum. What a history surrounding the area in the late 1800's. This all happened during the time of the "Great Chicago Fire" and was skipped in our history books. One more stop on the tour to the Forgotten Fire Winery, where we learned the process of making wine. (of course a little sampling) We had a little free time before we met back at St. Mary's Church Hall for a delicious meal of chicken, pork, and chicken gizzards. That's written right, "chicken gizzards" They went over well (except for the guy that thought they were beef tips smothered in mushrooms).

The General Membership meeting followed.

Due to just a few animals committed to the National Cattle Show (Approx 12) the Show was cancelled. The board and host felt at least 30 animals would need to be committed to help cover the costs of the fairground rental, insurance, judge and other expenses incurred. Instead, the group visited a nearby cow/calf operation. Mr. Hassman shared his experiences of breeding, calving, collecting, and raising BEEF. He has been taking advantage of many of the tools available for collecting data on the animals. We were able to continue some question and answer time under roof while the rain fell. Lunch was back at Ron & Deb's. Sure glad Diane, Harvey and LuAnn were there to help clean-up the rest of the gizzards. Mr. Grubbles had the smoker going since early a.m. with some of Ron's Beef (Brisket for supper) . The MBCA had a short meeting to discuss video auction options, and to possibly pursue a trip to Mr. Wilkey's feedlot in KS to see some of the BueLingo shipped there last winter.

There were some very unique items donated for the Auction. Thanks folks for donating and thanks folks for buying. Will try and put some pictures in the fall BueLingo World. The rocking cow was great.

Thank you Ron and Rick Smith who have committed the past 6 years to the BueLingo Board of Directors. Rick served as president and Ron as VP the past 2 years.

We have a couple new faces on the Board. WELCOME: Terry Bryant and Sean Meyer. Tonya Albarado has been reelected for a 2nd 3 year term. Harvey Blair was appointed to complete Brian Tracy's position to end 2018. Brian resigned due to health and changes in his farming practices. Always looking for options for our 2018 Convention and Possible Cattle Show. Contact the office office@buelingo.com