

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

America Border Leicester Association Board of Director's Meeting Minutes January 14, 2008

Present: Greg Deakin, Polly Hopkins, Jennifer Bierhuisen, Di Waibel, Sally Barney

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 PM and the Director's present waited for another Director to join them to create a quorum. At 9:07 PM the meeting was again called to order, a quorum was present, and work began. The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held 12/10/07. The Treasurer's report was approved as read. Directors noted that the Treasury appears to be on solid footing going into 2008.

Greg informed the Board that the ABLA had 773 registrations in 2007 representing a 12% increase over the previous year. Total transfers for 2007 were 390. There were 105 senior members and 19 juniors paying dues in 2007 as well.

Old Business:

Promotion & Publicity Committee: no report

Newsletter: The deadline for the next newsletter is January 23, 2008.

Website: no report

Junior Membership Program: The ABLA Junior Achievement Program 2007 results are in; four youth will be recognized for outstanding work in 2007. These youth will be recognized in the next newsletter and will receive an award from the ABLA as well. Jennifer reminded Director's to urge their youth to get started in this exciting program early in 2008.

Western District: Di Waibel shared that she was still waiting to hear from the Oregon State Fair regarding the Border Leicester show for 2010.

New Business:

It was moved by Di Waibel, seconded by Polly Hopkins and voted favorably by the Director's to hold the 2008 ABLA Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival in May. Ruth Barish will once again generously support this important annual event. Greg will put a notice of the annual meeting in the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival book and reserve the location. Jennifer will assist in the organization of the event.

The description of Border Leicester wool in the breed standard was discussed. The Board expressed an interest in providing, in our guide for judges, a better description of the existing standard for Border Leicester wool. It was felt that the guide should include reference to numeric count, micron count, staple length, etc; this would more clearly reflect the wool standard in place for the Border Leicester breed. It was agreed to use the “original” sources for this information and to be sure the information used was the standard under which the ABLA was built and not a revision. It was moved by Jennifer and seconded by Di to clarify the wool portion of the breed standard being sure to include the grand fathered “original” wool description including staple length, numeric count and micron count.

A Youth Photo Contest was proposed by Polly. The contest would be on-going with the winning photos placed in the ABLA newsletter. The contest would be run quarterly so that in each newsletter there would be winning photos from the previous quarter. A calendar to include submitted photos could be made available annually. Polly agreed to work on the rules for the contest which would be open to youth and as flexible as is practical. Each photo must include a Border Leicester and is open to both youth members and youth of member families. The rules will appear in the January newsletter.

Directors were reminded to submit news from their area to the newsletter by January 23rd.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney
Recording Secretary