

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
American Border Leicester Association
Meeting of the Board of Director's
April 28, 2008
8:30 PM

Present: Greg Deakin, Jennifer Bierhuizen, Sue Johnson, Polly Hopkins, Joanne Tuncy, and Di Waibel, Directors; Sally Barney Recording Secretary and Sarah Hopkins, Newsletter Editor.

President Greg Deakin called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM. The minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting were approved as sent to the Board. The Treasurer's Report as sent to the Directors on April 20, 2008 reflected a balance of \$2,394.95 on 4/20/08 and following the receipt of the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival donation by Ruth Barish the balance on 4/28/08 is \$2,894.95. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Greg reported that currently, in 2008, ABLA has had 88 Registrations and 43 Transfers. There are 125 paid new or renewed members. Sally Barney gave the following Election Report: there were 34 ballots returned that were postmarked by the election deadline; one ballot was returned with an ineligible postmark. Elected to the ABLA Board of Director's was Sue Johnson, Kerry Phelps and Joanne Tuncy. There was one write-in vote that went to Diana Jarnutowski.

Old Business:

Publicity: Work continues on the brochure. There is no other old business to address.

Newsletter: Sarah reported that she had nothing new to bring up or report. The newsletter deadline is June 15th. Sarah will bring copies of the newsletter and directory to the Annual Meeting.

Website: Sue reported that Katie is doing well after her surgery. Sue encouraged Directors to send things to Katie that they feel should go onto the website. It was suggested that Sally send highlights of the approved meeting minutes to Katie for the website. Polly will send Katie information on the new Directors and it will be suggested that all new members be added to the membership list on the site. A Border Leicester has been added to the face page of the website and new ads are appearing.

Junior Activities: Jennifer reported that she will have copies of the ABLA Junior Achievement Program available at the Annual Meeting in Maryland. She will also see that the program is available on the website. Jennifer encouraged all to bring a few items to raffle off at the Annual Meeting with the proceeds to support ABLA Junior activities.

Western Activities: Di reported that she would like to check with the Black Sheep Gathering to explore the possibility of an ABLA sponsored award for winning Border Leicester or Border Leicester cross fleeces.

Annual Meeting: The place is set and the pizza and gifts are ordered. The meeting will be after the last sheep show of the day on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. Greg is still working on getting the names of the exhibitors.

National Sale: Greg reported that 20 head had been entered into the National Border Leicester Sale in Springfield, IL. There is still time to consign as well as great sheep for buyers to assess.

New Business:

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival: The annual meeting agenda will remain essentially as it was for 2007. Greg will call the meeting to order and ask for introductions. Sally will read the 2007 minutes and report on the election of officers. Polly will give the end of the 2007 year Treasurer's report as well as a current report and have current audit details available. Greg will update current ABLA registrations, transfers & memberships. Committees will give brief reports prior to a general membership discussion.

Fund Raising: Jennifer suggested the possible need for ABLA to have a fund raiser to support the 2008 budget. Greg reported that both he and Nancy Weik were donating ewe lambs to be raffled off to benefit the premium fund for the NAILE Border Leicester Show and the ABLA Junior Activities. This would be an on-going raffle with the finale of auctioning off the lambs (if the winners select the alternate \$300 in prize money) in the ring at Louisville.

Thank-You's: Sally will bring thank you cards to Maryland for Ruth Barish for her generous support of the Maryland event and to Jon Tecker for his dedicated service to the ABLA Board of Director's.

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Submitted by: Sally Barney, Recording Secretary