

Meeting Highlights
ABLA Director's Meeting
June 11, 2008

Present: Directors: Greg Deakin, Polly Hopkins, Sue Johnson, Kerry Phelps, Di Waibel, Recording Secretary, Sally Barney

Greg Deakin called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM and welcomed new Director Kerry Phelps to the Board. The April 28, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as sent to the Directors. Polly gave the Treasurers report and indicated we have a balance of \$2055.30. The quote did not include the D&O insurance or liability insurance bills for \$904 received the day of the meeting. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Greg reported that to date in 2008 the ABLA has had 209 registrations and 82 transfers. There are 136 new & renewing members.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting: Sue reported on the Annual Meeting held at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. It was regarded as a very successful meeting including a wonderful auction of items to support the Youth Fund. The Directors thanked Jennifer Bierhuizen for her coordination as well as the other folks who gave a helping hand. Sally reported that the cards signed at the meeting had been sent to Ruth Barish and Jon Tecker. Everyone appreciated the ABLA blanket throws each member family took home as a gift and Di reported that the throws sent to her for use with west coast Border Leicester activities will be used at the Black Sheep Gathering. The success and quality of the Maryland Border Leicester Show was very impressive. Deakin Family Farms had Supreme Champion Ewe with their Border Leicester yearling.

Newsletter: Polly reported for Sarah that the next newsletter deadline is June 23rd. She encouraged everyone to send pictures, articles, and ads. Director articles are always welcome.

Web Site: Katie is ready to receive information for the web; if you have items for the web Sue encouraged everyone to send them to her.

National Border Leicester Sale: Polly & Greg reported that there are 25 Border Leicesters entered into the National Sale and that the catalogs are out and available. There will be a small promotional table at the Sale.

Western Region: Di Waibel reported that the Black Sheep Gathering was happening very soon. She will try to get pictures for the newsletter.

New Business:

Magazine Advertising: Small Farm Magazine has contacted the ABLA regarding advertising. Polly will talk with them to get further information. It was brought up that the calendar of events listing in the front of the publication was free. They will also accept articles on breeds.

Election of Officers: The Board opened the election of officers up to nominations for President. Greg Deakin was nominated by Di Waibel and seconded by Kerry Phelps; their being no further nominations Greg Deakin was unanimously elected President. Sue Johnson was nominated for Vice President by Di Waibel and seconded by Polly Hopkins. Their being no further nominations Sue Johnson was elected Vice President by unanimous vote. Polly Hopkins was nominated by Sue Johnson, seconded by Di Waibel, and unanimously voted in as Treasurer. The Board appointed Sally Barney, Recording Secretary, and Katie Smith Webmaster; Sarah Hopkins had previously been appointed as Newsletter Editor.

Committee Assignments: It was decided that committee assignments would be made at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2008 at 8:30 PM EDT. There being no further items brought forward the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney
Recording Secretary