

**American Border Leicester Association
Board of Director's Meeting Highlights
January 12, 2009**

Present: Greg Deakin, Kerry Phelps, Di Waibel, Sue Johnson, JoAnne Tuncy, Polly Hopkins, Jennifer Bierhuizen, Sally Barney.

The meeting of the ABLA Board of Director's was called to order at 8:35 PM by President, Greg Deakin. The minutes of the previous meeting of December 8, 2009 were approved as sent to the Directors. Polly presented a year-end Treasurer's Report and it was approved as presented. It was mentioned that the NAILE raffle money goes into the NAILE premium fund, which is not an ABLA fund, to provide matching dollars for premiums offered by NAILE. After the premium bill is received from NAILE and paid, a portion of the premium fund will come to ABLA for youth programming.

Greg reported that in 2008 there were 716 sheep registered and 317 transferred. There are 170 ABLA members.

Old Business:

By-Laws: Directors will review the corrections to the By-laws as proposed by Jennifer in preparation for a discussion at the next meeting. Jennifer will send those corrections to Di and to Kerry.

NAILE: Greg reported that the Border Leicester show at the North American International Livestock Exposition was a huge success. Many different breeders took home first place honors reflecting on the quality of the animals exhibited by those breeders in attendance. Polly mentioned that the Champion White Border Leicester Ram and Ewe were both the entry of Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; Champion Natural Colored Border Leicester Ram honors went to Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL and the Champion Natural Colored Ewe was the entry of Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, Ohio. It was reported that the raffle toward the premium fund and ABLA youth programs was also a success and appreciation was extended to ticket sellers and buyers.

New Business:

Publicity: JoAnne reported that they will be redoing the ABLA display with the hopes of making it as portable as possible.

Newsletter: Polly reported that the newsletter has been sent. Of course there is the continued call for articles and advertising. Sarah will be researching costs for an ABLA calendar.

Website: Sue reported that Katie Smith's family is doing reasonably well; that was good news for the Board. Sally reported that she has re-sent the meeting highlights to the web master and other recent submissions to the web master were reported as well.

Junior Program: Jennifer reported that there were no entries for the 2008 Junior Achievement Program; it was agreed by the Board to try it again for one more year to see if more youth would participate. It was noted that there are approximately 20 junior members.

Annual Meeting: Jennifer, JoAnne and Greg, the annual meeting committee, has not formally met. Greg reported that the ABLA Annual Meeting will be held at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival on Saturday evening. The dinner and meeting spot has been requested. Directors were asked to donate items for the raffle which is held during dinner to benefit youth programming.

National Sale: Sally reported that Marilyn Fogle has made arrangements for a Border Leicester dinner at the Amish Door Restaurant for Saturday evening after the Border Leicester Show. Cost will be \$15 per person as long as a minimum of 20 persons attend. Dave Smith, IN, will be the judge for the sale sheep.

Greg reported that Marilyn Fogle requested that the ABLA Board consider a Border Leicester Fleece Show in conjunction with the National Sale. She feels that since the Great Lakes Fiber Festival is going on at the same time as the Great Lakes Sheep Sale (including the National Border Leicester Show) this would be a good opportunity to combine the sale with the fleece show. Greg said she had reported that the Tunis breed was also hosting a fleece show and that both breeds could work cooperatively on the venture. It was voted unanimously to move forward with a Fleece Show and to allot up to \$75 for ribbons for the fleece show. It was agreed to include classes for White Rams; White Ewes; Natural Colored Rams and Natural Colored Ewes. An overall champion will be selected from the White fleeces and an overall champion will be selected from the Natural Colored fleeces. Sally will purchase the ribbons. Fleeces may be sold if the exhibitor desires.

National Show: The National Border Leicester Show will be held at Eastern States Exposition. Sally reported that a room has been reserved at Storowton Tavern for a Border Leicester buffet dinner on Saturday night for all Border Leicester enthusiasts. Cost is \$31.88 including tax and gratuity. Polly reported that she has been working with ESE on premiums and as a National Show the support from ESE will be substantial.

Futurity: Kerry reported on the research he has done regarding the ABLA Futurity. He asked Directors whether they wanted to offer double points for exhibiting in National events and the consensus was "no." The Directors also indicated that they felt the option of private purchase as well as sale purchase should be a futurity option. It was also agreed by the Directors that if youth participated both in a youth show and an open show at the same fair/exposition they would be able to count points for both shows as long as

the shows are separate. Kerry reported he would provide Border Leicester Futurity guidelines for the next meeting.

Financial: The finance committee has not met.

Dues Renewal: JoAnne and Greg reported that they would tweak the annual dues appeal letter and see that it was sent to all members following their review. This was readily agreed upon by the Directors.

There being no further business to bring before the meeting the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney
Recording Secretary