

**American Border Leicester Association
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009**

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

The meeting was called to order by President, Greg Deakin. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent to the Directors. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted by Polly Hopkins. The balance on hand is \$2,924.09. Greg reported that this year to date ABLA has registered 669 sheep and transferred 241. There are currently 152 2009 members.

Old Business:

National Border Leicester Show: Polly reported that there were 11 exhibitors with over 100 head of sheep at the National Show. Henry Schultz was the judge. The Eastern States Exposition awarded premiums to the first and second juniors in each class. It was reported that the meal at the Tavern and the raffle prizes were enjoyed by all; Woolmark Farm donated the tax and gratuity for all dinners. In 2010 Eastern States Exposition will be the sight of a national Regional Show for Border Leicesters; Torr Sorenson has been requested as a judge. The ABLA promotional booth was up all week and many informational items were distributed. JoAnne Tuncy pulled together the awards for Champion Rams and Ewes and painted glass bottles were given for the Best Head classes. Traveler Totes with the logo "start at the top with Border Leicesters" were given to each exhibitor in the show. There was a good fleece show and two Lead Line awards were given for those leading a Border Leicester. The ABLA has received a letter from Eastern States Exposition thanking us for our participation and support.

By-Laws Revisions Update: Sally Barney reported that 60 ballots have been returned by members; this is not a high enough percentage of the membership to declare the voting valid. After much discussion it was agreed to e-mail the members who have not cast ballots requesting that they assist the ABLA by participating. Attached to the e-mail will be a ballot, in a pdf file, which can be printed, signed and mailed or faxed. Sally will write the letter requesting that members assist the Board by voting.

Website: Joanne Tuncy, webmaster, reported that the National Show results are posted and that the minutes are up to date.

Futurity Update: Kerry reported only slight activity. Futurity participants are returning show results. It was discussed whether the Futurity forms were on the website and Joanne reassured everyone that they were and that they could be accessed right from the first page of the site.

Western News: Oregon Flock and Fiber changed its show schedule this year. The event was well attended; there were a few less sheep but more vendors than in the past.

NAILE: Greg reported that the plans for NAILE are well underway. Preliminary reports indicate a strong Border Leicester Show. The show will be held on Wednesday at 2:30 PM and can be viewed by web cam.

New Business:

Member Questionnaire: It was suggested that at the next meeting Directors discuss a short questionnaire that could be sent to members.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING
DECEMBER 7
8:30 PM eastern**