

**American Border Leicester Association
Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2009**

Present: Di Waibel, Greg Deakin, Kerry Phelps, JoAnne Tuncy, Polly Hopkins.

The ABLA July meeting was called to order by President, Greg Deakin. The minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2009 were approved as sent to the Directors. The ABLA Annual Meeting minutes were approved as sent as well. The Treasurer, Polly Hopkins, reported an account balance of \$2918.00

Greg reported that to date the registry has processed 391 registrations and 151 transfers. There are 145 paid members for 2009.

Old Business:

Publicity & Promotion: The ABLA display was discussed. Polly will set it up at the New England Sale and the Northeast Youth Show. Marilyn Fogle will be doing a breed display at the Ohio State Fair.

Website: JoAnne reported that high speed access will be available to the site on July 12; she also requested that the Futurity information be forwarded to her via computer.

Newsletter: The newsletter will be out soon. Di will write about the Black Sheep Gathering.

National Sale: Greg reported that the National Sale was strong. The Border Leicester had the highest breed average of the sale. 27 Border Leicesters were sold. Sally reported that the Border Leicester dutch treat dinner associated with the Sale was well attended and a good time was had by all.

Fleece Show: Sally Barney reported that the Fleece Show held in conjunction with the National Sale was a success and applauded the support and hard work of Marilyn and Gilbert Fogle.

National Show: JoAnne Tuncy suggested that the Directors and members each contribute \$25 toward prizes at the show for Champions and certain breed classes. The deadline for contributing is August 15th and money may be sent to Polly. Sally reported on the dinner following the Show and indicated she would send a reservation form to area Border Leicester breeders and exhibitors.

Western Region: Di reported that the Black Sheep Gathering has been completed for another year. Numbers were down over past years. She reported that vendors did well, but that many were paying with cash rather than credit. The next event for Di is the Oregon State Fair in August and the Oregon Flock & Fiber Show in September.

Bylaws: Sally reported that due to a low response rate the suggested By-laws revisions did not pass. The Directors agreed to send the By-laws out once again to the membership in hopes of increasing the number of members voting.

New Business:

Di reported that there may be a potential concern for the National Show, tentatively scheduled for Oregon in 2011, because of the stipulation that much of what happens in a show is determined by the number of Border Leicesters in classes in the previous year.

All were encouraged to urge fellow ABLA members to vote on the By-Laws when they are re-sent.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2009
8:30 PM Eastern**

approved as amended