

**American Border Leicester Association
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2010**

Present: Polly Hopkins, Greg Deakin, Kerry Phelps, JoAnne Tuncy, Jennifer Bierhuisen, Tom Key auditing for Anne Key, Sally Barney

The meeting was called to order by President, Polly Hopkins. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as sent to the Directors. The Treasurer's report was explained by JoAnne and approved as presented. Sally read correspondence from Emily Gibson thanking ABLA for supporting Lead Line at Eastern States Exposition.

Polly reported that to date in 2010, ABLA has registered 791 Border Leicesters and transferred 373. There were 156 members on record. In 2009, at the same point in the calendar year, ABLA had 689 registrations, 273 transfers and 152 members.

Committee Reports and Old Business:

Publicity & Promotion: There is no current effort. This fall the ABLA promotional booth went to ESE, Rhinebeck, the NE Fiber Festival and NAILE. It was well received.

Newsletter: Sarah submitted correspondence to the ABLA Board clarifying the billing procedures used with newsletter ads. The next newsletter deadline is January 15th. Sarah Jakeman resigned her position as Newsletter Editor to be effective following the January newsletter mailing. The resignation was accepted.

Website: JoAnne reported receiving a classified ad which has been posted. She is updating the event schedule as dates are finalized.

Futurity: Kerry reported that his committee is waiting for the final postings from participating youth; the contest will come to a close at the end of the year. Participation this year was strong.

NAILE: Greg reported that the National Border Leicester Show at NAILE went very well. Awards were well disbursed among the exhibitors and quality was high. There were 9 exhibitors in the white division and 3-4 in the natural colored division. 19 head of sheep from four states were exhibited in the Junior Border Leicester Show. There are commitments from breeders to sell sheep at the National Sale in support of NAILE premium funds.

Junior Activities: The committee is still looking for a Chair.

2011 Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will again be held at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival with Jennifer Bierhuisen and Sue Johnson taking care of the arrangements.

2011 National Sale: Greg reported that the Fogles and crew are taking care of locating a dinner location. There is the possibility that some of the sale will be on web-cam.

2011 National Fleece Show: Marilyn Fogle is heading up the Fleece Show. The ABLA Directors approved \$225 for the sale hoping some of the cost would be off-set by donations.

Finance: No report.

New Business:

Fundraising: No work has been done on this issue.

2011 National Show Location: It was agreed that the 2011 National Border Leicester Show will be held at Eastern States Exposition. The date is Sunday, September 25, 2011.

Editor: A newsletter editor will be selected; notice of the vacancy will go on the web site and in the January newsletter. The job description will be updated to reflect the billing of advertisements. Interested persons should contact Polly. A thank you will be sent to Sarah following her last newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
JANUARY 10, 2011
8:30 PM Eastern**