

American Border Leicester Association
Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2011

Present: Jennifer Bierhuizen, Greg Deakin, Barb Hintzsche, Polly Hopkins, Mark Korf, Jerry Wigglesworth, Sally Barney. Outgoing Directors JoAnne Tuncy, Sue Johnson

President Polly Hopkins called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as sent to the Directors. The Treasurer gave a report on the finances through April 30, 2011. Her report was approved as sent to the Directors prior to the meeting. Polly reported that as 5/23/2011 there were 248 Border Leicester newly registered and 25 transferred. There are 115 members. (Jerry Wigglesworth excused himself to take care of a sheep emergency).

Polly thanked Sue Johnson for their years of service to the Board of Directors. Sue is stepping down after nine years on the Board and JoAnne after 5 years. Kerry Phelps was not present but was thanked for his term of service as well.

Sally reported she had received no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting: Jennifer reported that the annual meeting went well. \$402 was raised through a raffle and the group present voted to give ½ the money to Nancy Weik who lost her barn, many sheep and much of her equipment in a recent barn fire; the other half of the money is used for youth activities. The shows went well with strong numbers in the shows for both white and natural colored Border Leicesters.

ABLA Signs: Bill Koeppel located four of the original metal signs promoting Border Leicesters. Two were auctioned off at Maryland and two will be auctioned at Wooster. The template has been located as well.

ABLA Display: Don Morehouse took the display for Wooster. The display may be borrowed for Border Leicester events.

Maryland Sheep & Wool Border Leicester Shows: Greg reported that the shows went well. (see annual meeting)

Newsletter: Polly noted that she had heard that several people did not receive a newsletter; some of those were e-mail copies and some were snail mail copies. The Board thought that there were formatting issues that resulted in wasted space. Polly will share the comments with Adam. A brief discussion was had regarding whether any Board member approves the newsletter before it is sent, and the value of such a practice. Following the discussion it was moved by Greg and seconded by Mark that "The President of the ABLA Board of Directors, or their designee, will review and edit each newsletter before it is published." After brief discussion the motion passed unanimously. Polly will share the review policy Adam.

Website: JoAnne shared with the Board members that she prefers they send information to her in Word documents. She will convert the files to pdf files and place the items on the website. JoAnne stated she would like to add the biographical data, supplied by the new Directors at election time, under the Directors name on the web site. Veteran Directors are requested to send their biographical data to JoAnne so all will be included; JoAnne will e-mail the Directors with the bio request. It was agreed this was a good idea.

ABLA Logo: Jennifer reported that she had priced new sticker/decals that included three color printing; JoAnne had priced them as well. To purchase 250 decals would cost well over \$300. It was acknowledged that there were other promotional needs as well including additional printing of the ABLA Member Directory. After a brief discussion it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to "table the decal discussion until we have adequate funds to print them and/or until they are needed/requested."

National Sale: Greg reported a strong consignment to the National Sale. 40 head of Border Leicesters are entered and interest is strong. Ohio members are coordinating a number of week-end activities.

Junior Activities: Polly reported that there are no Futurity entries yet, but it is early. There will be a strong youth Border Leicester Show at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show; Polly indicated there were sponsor opportunities available for the show. Other youth ideas are welcome.

National Border Leicester Show: Greg shared that on even years the National show is held at the NAILE. On the odd numbered years the show rotates. This year the show will be at Eastern States Exposition on September 25th.

2011 NAILE – National Regional Border Leicester Show: Greg reported that both open and junior shows are held. Bert Latimore is judging. The Junior show is probationary and we need 25 head to be viable. Premiums for the Junior Show (\$640) are the exhibitor's responsibility as is the premium match for the open show. Three ewe lambs will be auctioned at Wooster in support of these shows.

Other Shows: No

Other Old Business: No

New Business:

Election of Officers: Polly called for an election of officers. The following officers were nominated and unanimously voted in by the Board of Directors:

President: Greg Deakin (one year)

Vice President: Barb Hintzsche

Treasurer: Polly Hopkins

A thank you was extended to outgoing President, Polly Hopkins.

Committee Assignments: Greg asked that those Directors with interest in certain committees let him know. Polly shared that she believed Jerry Wigglesworth was interested in the Publicity Committee. Committee assignments will be made by Greg and discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business: No

There being no other business the next meeting was scheduled for July 18, 8:30 PM eastern. The Directors moved and seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING
JULY 18, 2011
8:30 PM Eastern**