

American Border Leicester Association
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2012

Present: Polly Hopkins, Mark Korf, Linda Koepfel, Jerry Wigglesworth, Kevin Young, Sally Barney, JoAnne Tuncy

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mark Korf. Polly reported that as of 10/31/12 there were 174 paid members and 4 members have paid for 2013. The Secretary's report was approved as distributed to the Directors. Sally reported having received two pieces of correspondence. The Board received a request from Walt Williams, representing the Iowa Sheep Industry Association, who asked whether the American Border Leicester Association would be interested in holding a show for the Border Leicester breed during their June ISIA sheep and Wool festival. After thoughtful consideration the Board voted unanimously to not participate at this time. Mark will share this decision with Mr. Williams. The Board also received an invitation from the Junior All American Sheep Show to have Border Leicesters represented in the show in 2013. Again, after a thoughtful discussion the Board voted unanimously not to participate at this time. Kevin will follow through with Deb Hopkins, Show Chair. The Treasurers report was approved as distributed.

NAILE Exhibitor Premium Fund: Greg Deakin joined the phone conference to share information regarding the NAILE Border Leicester Exhibitors Premium Fund. The Exhibitors Premium Fund was established to raise funds for NAILE Border Leicester premiums above those provided by NAILE, ABLA and NABLA. There is currently about \$1900 in the fund prior to receiving the bill from NAILE for 2012; that bill is expected to arrive in January. The current funds will support the expected January bill but constant fundraising is necessary to keep the fund solvent. Breeders have stepped forward to provide lambs that will be sold in 2013 to benefit this fund. Greg also shared that in 2013 in the NAILE Border Leicester Best Fleece class the judge will select one best fleeced sheep rather than place the whole class; the money from the additional placings can be used to have premiums go deeper in other classes. Following the discussion of the Premium Fund Greg Deakin left the phone conference.

Wooster Dinner: Kevin reported that he had heard from Gilbert and Marilyn Fogle regarding the number of diners at last year's National Sale Dinner and whether or not they needed to look for another restaurant. The Board agreed that while they could not specifically say how many folks would attend it is assumed that the numbers of diners will continue to grow. Kevin will share that consensus with the Fogles.

Michigan Fiber Festival: Linda reported that the Michigan Fiber Festival went real well last year and that pictures for the newsletter would be forthcoming.

Newsletter Editor: No one has received any resumes from Newsletter Editor applicants. Kevin shared that he had talked with friends at Watt Publishing and they may be submitting a quote for a quarterly newsletter. The quote will include separate quotes for editor services and for printing. Kevin also spoke with the University of Illinois Agriculture Communications Department where a potential student was identified for the editor position. This student will get back to Kevin. As

Kevin hears from interested parties he will keep the Board informed. JoAnne shared that the position opening remains on the front page of the website.

Futurity: Polly reported that all Futurity points had been received and that she would be completing the process by identifying the class placings this month. Most of the Animals in the Futurity were purchased from breeders or through sales as opposed to being nominated by the youth breeder themselves.

Guidelines for Web Videos: Jerry reported that he is waiting for feedback on the guidelines for submitting web site videos. Directors should respond directly to Jerry.

Website: JoAnne reported that the web site was doing well. Sally agreed to send the minutes approved at this current meeting to JoAnne. She also stated that the Board needs to think about changing the address on the web site for submitting newsletter items; currently the information is being sent to Stacy Wise old address.

National Sale Buyers Credits: It was agreed to continue to offer youth Buyers Credits at the National Border Leicester Sale.

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival: Linda reported that the ABLA ad for the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Catalog has been sent.

NAILE Lead line: The ABLA Board voted to recognize the Lead Line participants at NAILE by offering \$25 to the participant in each class that placed highest and was leading a Border Leicester. This will be shared with Greg Deakin so that he can be sure it gets listed in the NAILE catalog.

National Border Leicester Show: The Directors selected Eastern States Exposition as the site of the 2013 National Border Leicester Show.

Northwest Border Leicester Support: The Board discussed how they might best support Border Leicester breeders in the northwest. Linda will contact Colleen and discuss this with her. Support for a National Regional Show was discussed.

Treasurer Vacancy: Polly announced that she would be stepping down as Treasurer as of December 31, 2012. The Board discussed strategies for covering the position and will discuss the position further at the January meeting. The Board thanked Polly for her service as ABLA treasurer.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for January 7, 2013 at 8:30pm eastern time. There being no further business to come before the meeting the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2013
8:30 PM Eastern**