

**American Border Leicester Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 30, 2012**

**Present:** Barbara Hintzsche, Linda Koeppel, Mark Korf, Jerry Wigglesworth, Kevin Young, Sally Barney.

President Barbara Hintzsche called the meeting to order and asked the Secretary to call the roll. Five Directors were present representing a quorum. The minutes of the April 23, 2012 Board of Directors meeting; the May 26, 2012 ABLA Annual Meeting and the May 26, 2012 Directors meeting had been circulated to all Directors prior to the conference call; the Directors unanimously approved each of those sets of minutes as circulated. In the absence of the Treasurer there was no Treasurers Report. Barbara reported that as of July 30, 2012, Associated Registries had processed 715 Border Leicester registrations and 240 transfers.

**Committee Reports:**

**National Sale:** It was agreed that the National Border Leicester Sale went very well. Marilyn and Gilbert Fogle, John Moran and Don Morehouse and Dena and Jerry Early were commended for their hard work behind the scenes to coordinate the Friday social, Saturday dinner and the raffle. Marilyn and Gilbert Fogle were also credited with a great Fleece Show. Questions were brought up regarding the sale location; all agreed that the location was working well now but that the location should be reviewed periodically to assure that the sale location is meeting our needs. An additional question was asked about the possible need to limit the number of rams in the sale; this will continue to be discussed and explored. The idea of an on-line sale was also mentioned; this idea will be further discussed as well.

**ABLA Display:** Kevin expressed an interest in having the ABLA display for Wisconsin. Polly will be asked to send it to Kevin and Greg will pick it up from Kevin and bring it to Eastern States Exposition, the New York Bred Ewe and Lamb Sale and NAILE. Barbara has the large ABLA banner.

**Website:** JoAnne Tuncy, web master, was not on the call, but she had reported through e-mail that the Breeder Directory was up-to-date. She is waiting for approved minutes following the evening's meeting. Jerry reported that he had received a copy of the videos made by members for the Friday night gathering in Wooster. He will be circulating the DVD to all Directors who had not received one. Following the distribution, the Directors will discuss the opportunity for posting videos to the web site. Jerry also noted that members have been asking for a print ready Border Leicester brochure to be made available to all members through the web site. It was discussed that brochures could be targeted to a variety of Border Leicester endeavors.

**Youth News:** Sally reported on a very successful Northeast Youth Sheep Show. The Border Leicester Show was well attended and quality sheep were exhibited.

**Futurity:** Prior to the meeting Polly had e-mailed that the Futurity was going well and the results were coming in.

## **Old Business:**

**Northwest:** Kevin reminded the Board that they had wanted to explore the opportunities and options for strengthening communication with the Border Leicester breeders in the northwest. It was agreed that Kevin would talk with Greg Deakin regarding conversations he has had with breeders in that area on this subject and with Colleen Smith during the election process. It was also suggested that Barb, in her role as President, contact Colleen Smith to talk with her about this.

## **New Business:**

**F-Factor:** Kevin shared with the Directors that there did not appear to be a lot of information on the F factor available to the membership. He suggested that a definitive article on this subject be written for the ABLA newsletter and website in an effort to educate our membership about factoring. It was unanimously agreed that Kevin would ask Judy Lewman if she would write such an article for us. The question was also asked if there was any way to genetically test for the “F” factor; Kevin will ask that question of Judy as well.

**Sore Mouth:** Kevin asked the Board if they would make a recommendation, from the ABLA Board, to the superintendents of major Border Leicester shows to request that the exhibitor show their animal’s mouth to the judge. After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed that Linda would draft a letter to superintendents for review by the Board.

**Committee Assignments:** The Directors volunteered to serve on the following committees:

Publicity: Jerry Wigglesworth, Mark Korf

Newsletter: Kevin Young

Web-site: JoAnne Tuncy

Junior Activities: Mark Korf, Polly Hopkins will be asked to join this committee

Futurity: Polly Hopkins

Annual Meeting 2013: Linda Koeppel

National Border Leicester Show 2012: Kevin Young

National Border Leicester Sale 2013: Barbara Hintzsche will ask Marilyn Fogle

National Fleece Show 2013: Barbara Hintzsche will ask Marilyn Fogle

Finance Committee: Polly Hopkins, Tom Key will be asked to serve as well

**Terms of Directors:** This item was tabled until the next meeting.

**Judges Evaluation:** Linda mentioned having spoken to a long time ABLA member who discussed a previous evaluation of judges. This evaluation of a judge was done by the exhibitors following a Border Leicester Show with the results shared with the judge and available to the membership. It was agreed hold this topic as this does not appear to be an issue at this time.

There being no further business, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2012 8:30PM Eastern**