

**American Border Leicester Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 23, 2012**

**Present:** Greg Deakin, Jennifer Bierhuizen, Barbara Hintzsche, Mark Korf, Jerry Wigglesworth, Polly Hopkins, Sally Barney, JoAnne Tuncy

Greg called the meeting to order with a quorum present. The minutes of the previous meeting on March 19, 2012, were approved as sent to the Board of Directors.

Polly presented the Treasurer's report she had sent to the Board of Directors. The report was accepted as presented. Polly reported that she had not yet researched the question regarding the newsletter than was brought up at the previous meeting. Jennifer suggested that the Board consider an increase in the Newsletter Editor stipend from \$200 per issue to \$300 per issue based upon her feeling that the past two newsletters were excellent and that advertising revenue was up. Jerry made a motion to increase the newsletter stipend to \$300 per issue and Polly seconded the motion; it was a unanimous vote of the Board to implement the increase. Jennifer then moved and Barbara seconded the motion that ABLA make a \$100 donation to hospice in Anne Keys name; the motion passed unanimously. It was then suggested that an aspect of the National Show and Sale be held in Anne's name; after further discussion it was moved by Jennifer and seconded by Jerry that two \$50 Buyers Credits in Anne Keys name be offered at the Sale; one for the purchase of a white Border Leicester and one for the purpose of a natural colored Border Leicester. After further discussion that motion was amended to offer four \$50 Junior Buyers Credits (sheep must be purchased in the name of a youth; not an adult) at the National Sale in Anne Keys memory to be used toward the purchase a Border Leicester at the National Sale. The Board voted unanimously for the motion.

Sally reported that she had sent a sympathy card to Tom Key on behalf of the membership and the Board of Directors.

**Election:** The election results were announced by Sally. Elected to three year terms on the ABLA Board of Directors were Linda Koepfel, Kevin Young and Tom Key. Greg will contact all nominees with the results of the election.

**Publicity:** Jerry reported that he is interested in the videos that will be shown at the social gathering on Friday night in Wooster during Sale week-end.

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival:** Polly agreed to keep informal minutes of the meeting and social after the Saturday shows at the MSWF. It was agreed not to do an auction at the social. Greg will bring the ABLA Display to Maryland; Polly will bring a table. Greg and Polly will bring the flyers and newsletters.

**Website:** JoAnne reported that she is keeping the website current. The new Directors names will go on the web following their formal introduction at the Annual Meeting in Wooster. Polly will send current membership information to JoAnne.

**Futurity:** There are no current nominations for the Futurity but many are expected from the National Sale ewe lambs and as juniors register their homegrown lambs.

**National Sale:** Greg announced that there are 50 head of Border Leicesters entered into the National Sale. The catalog is on the Banner Sales website.

**Annual Meeting:** Greg reported that Marilyn Fogle is working with John Moran and Don Morehouse on the dinner and annual meeting; plans are coming along well. Marilyn has a social planned for Friday evening at the Best Western.

**New Business:**

**Redistricting:** Greg suggested to the Board that the Board consider the concept of ABLA districts. There was discussion as to the need for districts. There was discussion that the northwest voice should be represented and it was discussed that maybe there could be a structure under which voices can be heard without a by-laws change. It was agreed to talk to Colleen and other northwest breeders to see if there might be some way to have an ambassador to let the Board know what they might need from the organization.

**Election of Officers:** It was agreed that a Board meeting following the Annual Meeting at Wooster should have a quorum and officers could be elected at that time.

Jennifer Bierhuizen thanked the Board for their support during her six year as an ABLA Director. Greg mentioned the great improvements in the meetings at Maryland under Jennifer's leadership. The Directors wished Jennifer good luck and thanked her for her service. Greg Deakin was also thanked for his service to ABLA.

The next meeting will be following the Annual Meeting at Wooster on Saturday night, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING MAY 26<sup>th</sup> WOOSTER, OHIO**