

**American Border Leicester Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Greg Deakin. Present were Greg Deakin, Jerry Wigglesworth, Polly Hopkins and secretary, Sally Barney. There was not a quorum. The Board members agreed to talk about the items on the agenda but not bring them to a vote.

The minutes were not approved as a quorum was not present; no correspondence had been received. Greg reviewed the end of the year transfer and registration data supplied by Associated Registries; there were 752 Border Leicesters registered in 2011 (785 in 2010); 241 transfers in 2011 (378 in 2010).

**Committee Reports:**

**Publicity:** Jerry reported no further meeting, but re-introduced the concept of a You Tube type video for the website of interest to existing or prospective Border Leicester breeders. Jerry will develop a concept paper related to this idea and share it with the Board for further discussion.

**Newsletter:** Sally reported that she had not received any applications for or inquiries about the position of Newsletter Editor. Greg Deakin shared that he would work with Stacy Wise to get the next two newsletters out to the membership; it was agreed to hold the application opportunity open and to continue to accept resumes. The January newsletter deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>. (JoAnne Tuncy, ABLA Webmaster joined the call at this time)

**Website:** JoAnne reported that there had not been many changes to the website over the holidays. She will be working on the annual update of the Breeder Listing as dues are received for 2012. She reported that this portion of the site receives many "hits". It was discussed by the Directors and confirmed that the current policy is to list only current members on the Breeder Listing; those listed who do not pay their dues will be removed.

JoAnne reminded Directors that as newsletters and meeting minutes are completed and/or approved she needs to receive a copy for the website.

(Mark Korf joined the meeting at this time)

**Futurity:** Polly reported that the results of the Futurity have been tabulated. Five Border Leicester breeders will be receiving awards in the 2011 contest. Polly congratulated the breeders who made the event possible by nominating ewe lambs and yearlings for the Futurity. Those placing in the Futurity will receive their congratulatory letters and checks in the next week. Polly reported that the following young people were the category winners (\* denotes the animal was purchased at the 2011 National Border Leicester Sale):

White Owned Yearling Ewes

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Becky Kron, NY ... Bradish #1075 \*
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Casey Faccio, RI ... Maybe Tomorrow #1037
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sammye Patti, RI ... Maybe Tomorrow #1057

White Owned Ewe Lamb

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Sammye Patti ... Maybe Tomorrow #11-13

Natural Colored Raised Yearling Ewe

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Tiffany Deakin, IL ... Deakin #1518

Natural Colored Raised Ewe Lamb

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Tiffany Deakin ... Deakin #1615

Natural Colored Owned Ewe Lamb

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Emily Gibson, NH ... Bear Hollow #31 \*

**Annual Meeting:** The Directors confirmed that the Annual Meeting of the American Border Leicester will rotate between the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, West Friendship, MD and the National Border Leicester Sale, Wooster, OH. The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday evening in Wooster, Ohio as part of the National Border Leicester Sale activities. The Directors agreed to have the Ohio breeders handle the dinner arrangements as they did in 2011. Sally will contact Marilvn Fogle.

**Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Social:** Greg will confirm with Jennifer about her coordinating the Border Leicester social event to follow the sheep shows on Saturday afternoon.

**National Border Leicester Sale:** Greg confirmed the dates of May 26 & 27 for the sale to be held in Wooster, Ohio. In addition to it being the 2012 National Border Leicester Sale it is also the National Sale location for both Tunis and Blue Faced Leicesters. Greg reported a shipment of Blueface Leicesters from the west coast would be coming in and that their might be trucking opportunities for Border Leicesters to be trucked both ways.

**National Sale Dinner:** The ABLA Directors confirmed that they would like the Ohio breeders to move forward with planning the Saturday night dinner. It was suggested that the planning be flexible enough to allow for 10-15 more dinners than in 2011. The Directors approved the Silent Auction for the Saturday night dinner along with the Annual Meeting of ABLA. Sally has been in contact with Marilyn Fogle and will let her know the details.

**National Fleece Show:** Marilyn Fogle reported through Sally that the Wooster Fleece show will be in the Fleece Show Barn of the Great Lakes Fiber Festival in 2012. We will use the judge provided. Fleeces will be sold from that location. Directors asked who would receive the commission from fleeces sold? Sally will check on that detail. Polly confirmed that \$400 had been raised in 2011 for the 2012 Fleece Show. Mark suggested a workshop on skirting fleeces; Polly agreed that she could probably do that on Saturday afternoon with help from other Border Leicester breeders.  
(Barbara Hintzsche joined the call at this time creating a quorum)

**Old Business:**

**Size:** Jerry reported on the good response to his inquiry in the last newsletter regarding Border Leicester size. After a discussion by the Board it was agreed to have Jerry write an article for the next newsletter and reference ewe size at 150-225 pounds and ram size at 175-300 pounds.

**New Business:**

**ABLA Districts:** It was suggested by Greg Deakin that the ABLA might want to move to a district representation structure with Directors representing specific districts (along with a few at large Directors). It was discussed that this structure would help to keep all areas of the country represented which might not happen under the current at-large system. The Directors asked Greg to explore possibilities for the next Board Meeting that would discuss this new option.

With the meeting now holding a quorum of Directors the Board accepted the 2012 budget as presented.

The Board set the next meeting date for March 5<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2012  
8:30 PM eastern**