

American Border Leicester Association

October 15, 2012

Present: Barbara Hintzsche, Polly Hopkins, Tom Key, Linda Koeppel, Mark Korf, Jerry Wigglesworth, JoAnne Tuncy, Sally Barney

The meeting was brought to order by Mark Korf in the absence of the President. The minutes of the July 30, 2012 meeting were approved as sent to the Directors. In addition, Sally reported that the ABLA had received the current OPP Concerned Sheep Breeders Society 2012 Directory as the ABLA is a member of the Society. The Treasurers Report was approved as submitted.

Newsletter: Stacy Wise letter of resignation as Newsletter Editor was accepted by the Board. It was agreed to have JoAnne place the recruitment ad for a new Newsletter Editor on the Website and Stacy will place the ad in her last newsletter.

Display Booth: The ABLA display will rotate from Wisconsin to the Big E and then to Rhinebeck, NY, the New England Fiber Fest and NAILE. Kevin will take the display to NAILE but must receive it prior to November 9th.

Breeder Videos: The ABLA Board agreed to proceed with the plan to attach You Tube type videos to the ABLA web site. Jerry agreed to prepare a set of guidelines to assist the breeders in developing their videos as well as to assist the Directors in editing, accepting or rejecting submitted videos. It was agreed that the videos would not be videos that purposefully solicited business; it was suggested that information on how to contact the breeder featured in the video be added to the end of the video. Jerry will prepare the guidelines and solicit input from Directors prior to the next meeting.

F Factor: Kevin reported that he had talked with Judy Lewman as well as Bill & Linda Koeppel and he has not yet found the information on factoring he was looking for. It was brought to the attention of the Board that there is an article by Lewman and Savage that can be found in a 2004 newsletter on our web site; the Board will review the article.

Mark left the conference call.

Show Committee: It was reported that the Soremouth letter written by Linda will appear in the next newsletter. Kevin will talk with the NAILE folks and explain the process for checking mouths that is recommended by the Board. Kevin reported that the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival was very successful and that the Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe was a Border Leicester. Kevin mentioned that it was time to move the funds collected from selling the Anson sheep at the Wooster Sale to the NAILE premium fund. The Junior Border Leicester Show at Louisville is in jeopardy of losing its status due to the low numbers of participants and sheep entered.

Barbara Hintzsche joined the conference call.

Futurity: Polly reported that she was waiting for NAILE results from participating youth and that once the results were in she would tally the final placings.

Kerry Claghorn: Polly reported that she had received a letter stating that Kerry Claghorn is retiring from Associated Registries. We were reminded that the ABLA contract for registering sheep is with the American Hampshire Sheep Association and not a specific individual and that service should not be interrupted.

Website: JoAnne had no formal report on the website but did explain to the Directors that she would be updating the breeder list with the names of the newer members. JoAnne also shared the need to have good quality breeder videos if we are to attach them to the web.

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Catalog Ad: Barbara will contact Greg with regard to this ad; December 1st is the deadline for ads to be received.

Director Terms: The terms for the newest elected Directors were clarified and will be as follows:

Tom Key – Up for re-election in 2013 (completing the term of Anne Key)

Kevin Young – 2015

Linda Koeppel – 2015

Terms for all Directors are:

Polly Hopkins, Tom Key – 2013

Barb Hintzsche, Mark Korf, Jerry Wigglesworth – 2014

Linda Koeppel, Kevin Young – 2015

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING – December 3 - 8:30PM Eastern