

American Border Leicester Association

Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order by President, Barb Hintzsche. The Secretary's report of December 3, 2012, was approved as sent to the Board. Sally read two thank you letters sent by youth members who participated in the ABLA Futurity; Emily Gibson, NH and Terence Blake, MA, thanking the Board for sponsoring the Futurity. Sally also presented correspondence from the American Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control requesting a donation in support of a conference to be held in May. It was agreed that Sally would forward the information to the directors for their review prior to making a decision. The Treasurers report, ending December 31, 2012, was approved as sent to the Directors and the condensed version was approved for insertion into the newsletter. (JoAnne joined the call). In addition, the 2013 proposed budget was approved as presented.

Polly shared a letter from Carrie Taylor, Associated Sheep Registries, which explained that Carrie has been appointed the new Executive Secretary following the resignation of Karey Klaghorn. Julie Warren is the ABLA contact.

Kevin announced that Bill and Linda Koeppel, Ann Arbor, MI, have been named Purebred Sheep Breeders of the Year by the Michigan Sheep Producers Association. The Board shared their congratulations for an honor well-earned with Director, Linda Koeppel.

Kevin announced that Molly Singraber has formally accepted the position of Newsletter Editor. The Board moved the next newsletter deadline to January 28th in light of the fact that Molly has just come on board. Mark suggested that the Board consider giving a small percentage of the advertising revenue to the Editor as an incentive to get more ads. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Mark and Kevin will develop a commission schedule for discussion by the Board at the next meeting. It was agreed that it would be good to have Molly introduce herself in the first issue. Polly has the information regarding who has paid for ads that have not yet run; she will share this information with Molly and alert the advertisers that a new editor is on board. Polly will be Molly's liaison for this first issue. JoAnne will e-mail Marilyn Fogle and ask her for the Wooster information.

Jerry discussed the web videos and shared several suggestions from Directors. It had been suggested to have a clause in the guidelines that states that ABLA may pull a video at any time for any reason. This was agreed upon by the Board. Also, it was discussed that the Board needs a good release that can be signed by those submitting videos. Jerry will take the items and incorporate them into the final guidelines. The guidelines will be shared with the Board by e-mail.

Mark brought up the question of fitting standards and whether or not a formal standard was necessary. After much discussion it was agreed to keep the statement that is currently in the standard that indicates Border Leicesters should be shown in a 3-5 months fleece. It was also

agreed to do a video of breeders fitting their sheep. Linda Koepfel agreed to fit a sheep for such a video. It was also suggested that we video the Border Leicester Fleece Show at Wooster.

The Board appointed Barbara Hintzsche as the Treasurer to replace Polly Hopkins whose resignation was accepted on December, 7, 2012. Polly will work with Barbara during this transition. It was also voted to give Director, Kevin Young checkbook privileges allowing him to sign checks on behalf of the ABLA.

The next meeting was set for February 18, 2013, 8:30PM Eastern time. Molly will be invited to the conference call. The call in number will remain the same as the January number. (Kevin left the call.)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary