

American Border Leicester Association
Annual Meeting
May 24, 2014 - Wooster, Ohio

The annual meeting of the American Border Leicester Association was called to order by President, Mark Korf. Mark introduced the members of the Board of Directors, the Banner Sales Management staff and the Judge of the National Border Leicester Show and Sale. All members and guests introduced themselves.

Sally Barney, Recording Secretary, distributed minutes of the 2013 annual meeting and these minutes were approved as distributed. Treasurer, Bill Koeppel, distributed the end of year financial report for 2013 and the 2014 budget which were approved as distributed.

Sally Barney reported that Sue Johnson, Vermont; Polly Hopkins, Rhode Island; and Jerry Wigglesworth, Kansas, had been voted in by the members for three year terms on the Board of Directors for the American Border Leicester Association. On behalf of the members and the Board of the American Border Leicester Association Sally thanked Mark Korf and Barbara Hintzsche, outgoing Directors of the ABLA, for their years of service to the Association.

Mark Korf introduced Sarah Jakeman, newsletter Editor, who spoke briefly to the members. Sarah indicated that members should send news to her for publication and that she was willing to assist members with ads for the newsletter. Polly Hopkins, Futurity Coordinator, mentioned to the group that there were Futurity yearlings and ewe lambs available in the Sale. Greg Deakin reported that there were strong numbers in the Sale and that things looked positive for a successful Sale. Greg also mentioned that the National Border Leicester Show would be held in Louisville and that plans were progressing well for that show as well as the NAILE youth show. Polly Hopkins spoke about the opportunity to participate in the Border Leicester Show at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show. Sally Barney spoke on behalf of junior member Emily Gibson who is working with the ABLA Board of Directors to raise the fee assessed to breed associations if they wish to participate in the Junior All American Sheep Show. Sally mentioned that a raffle basket had been donated to the annual meeting silent auction with the proceeds to benefit Border Leicester participation in the Junior All American. Colin Siegmund, Youth Activities Coordinator, spoke to the membership regarding his interest in providing youth activities at ABLA functions.

Jack Price spoke briefly on the meaning of Memorial Day. He encouraged all present to take time to remember those who had given the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Mark Korf introduced Border Leicester breeder Kent Knappenberger who was awarded the very first GRAMMY Music Educator Award. Kent spoke briefly of his trip to the GRAMMY's to accept this prestigious award.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the Silent Auction results were tabulated. \$500 was raised, in the Silent Auction, for youth activities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Barney, Recording Secretary