

American Border Leicester Association
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014

Present: Mark Korf, Kevin Young, Greg Deakin, Jerry Wigglesworth, Linda Koeppel, Coleen Smith, Bill Koeppel, Sally Barney

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Greg Deakin. There was a quorum present. The Secretary's Report of the March 6, 2014 meeting was moved, seconded and approved as sent to the Directors. Sally mentioned that she had received correspondence from ABLA member Jack Price regarding Border Leicester meetings at Louisville and proxy voting at those meetings and that she had forwarded the letter to all Directors. Greg replied that he has been in touch with Jack to clarify that the meetings referred to in the letter were NAILE Border Leicester exhibitor meetings and not meetings of the American Border Leicester Association. Sally reported that three active members had submitted biographies as nominations for the position of ABLA Director. There are three seats to be filled in 2014. Those submitting applications include Jerry Wigglesworth, KS; Sue Johnson, VT; and Polly Hopkins, RI. Sally has forwarded those biographies to newsletter editor Sarah Jakeman for inclusion, with a ballot, in the next ABLA newsletter.

Bill Koeppel submitted the Treasurers Report to all Directors prior to the meeting and the Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and approved as sent. There is a balance of \$5,753.42 in the checking account. It was agreed that 2014 paid members would have their names in the printed ABLA Directory. 2013 and 2014 paid member's names will appear in the Breeder Directory on the website. The Directors completed final work on the 2014 budget by approving the budget for specific events including: Wooster Fleece Show Premiums \$200; Youth Buyers Credits Wooster \$250; Northeast Youth Sheep Show \$200; Big E Regional Show \$225; 2015 Junior All American \$250; and the KILE Junior Show \$200. In addition the Directors agreed to pay \$25 to the highest scoring exhibitor leading a Border Leicester in the ESE Leadline for a maximum not to exceed \$100. Bill will have an audit conducted for 2013.

Mark reported that Colin Siegmund will attend the next meeting to talk about Border Leicester junior activities.

Kevin asked for a clarification on how the ad incentive program works between ABLA and the newsletter editor. The newsletter editor will track new and renewing advertisers. Greg will be talking with the editor regarding newsletter development and advertising.

Greg reported that the ABLA display was all set for the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival and that Border Leicester breeder Marsha Haggie will be hosting the booth. Greg confirmed a small get-together for Saturday night after the shows for Border Leicester folks and friends. There will be a sale of ewes at Maryland for the first time this year and a number of Border Leicester ewes have been consigned.

Greg reported that the plans for the Wooster Sale are coming along well. There are 69 head of Border Leicesters consigned. The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday night in conjunction

with the dinner. Mark will prepare the agenda; Bill will provide a brief end of year financial report and a copy of the 2014 ABLA budget; Sally will provide copies of the 2013 Annual Meeting in Maryland. There will be raffle baskets to bid on to support youth programming.

Greg and Jerry reported on their By-Laws revision discussion and stated that Jerry would send all Directors a draft of a proposed revision to the By-Laws allowing the ABLA Directors to replace Directors who missed three or more meetings of the BOD; replacements would serve until the next scheduled election.

Coleen reported that she was still looking at various trophies and awards that could be used to honor the memory of Di Waibel. She is suggesting a revolving trophy that would be given at the Oregon State Fair with the specifics still to be decided. Coleen will be holding a meeting of Border Leicester exhibitors at the Oregon State Fair this year in the hopes of holding a Border Leicester Regional Show in 2015. Greg said he would also be at the Oregon State Fair and that he was looking forward to a meeting of exhibitors.

There being no further business to come before the meeting the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING
MAY 12, 2014
8:30PM Eastern