

**American Border Leicester Association**  
**Board of Director's Meeting**  
**July 7, 2014**

**Present:** Greg Deakin, Kevin Young, Jerry Wigglesworth, Linda Koeppel, Sue Johnson, Polly Hopkins, Bill Koeppel, Sarah Jakeman, Sally Barney

It was determined a quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Greg Deakin. The Secretary had forwarded to each Director a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 24, 2014 and the April meeting held on April 7, 2014. It was moved and seconded to approve both sets of minutes as presented. The motion passed. Sally reported a strong ballot return in the election of ABLA Directors; elected were Sue Johnson (VT), Polly Hopkins (RI) and Jerry Wigglesworth (KS). The newly elected Directors were welcomed to the Board.

Bill reported that he had sent a Treasurers report to the Directors prior to the meeting. The motion was made and seconded to approve the report as submitted. The motion passed. Bill shared that he would be working with Sarah and will share with her a matrix of which newsletter advertisers are paid in full and which are not. The newsletter is currently showing less advertising revenue than in some past years.

**Reports:**

**Publicity, Promotion & Website – No report**

**Newsletter** – Sarah reported that the newsletter deadline was June 11 and that any last minute news and My Neck of the Woods articles need to be to her by Friday, July 11. Sarah reported she was pursuing advertising through email and personal contact at events and activities.

**Futurity** - Polly reported that 27 ewes have been nominated and that 16 of the ewes sold in the National Sale were nominated; additional breeders have said they would be nominating.

**Youth Activities** – Eleven youth have entered 55 sheep in the Northeast Youth Sheep Show. Donations for the show were received from ABLA, Dwight & Sally Barney, Deakin Family Farms, Barbara Thompson, Maybe Tomorrow Farm and Vida Price... Judging Border Leicesters will be MaryAnn Johnson, OH.

**Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival** - Greg reported that the festival went well and that Marcia Haggie did a great job with the ABLA exhibit. There was a ewe sale held and a number of Border Leicesters went through the sale. Greg reported that the show was a bit smaller this year as some of the usual exhibitors were not present.

**National Sale and Annual Meeting** – Greg reported that the National Sale went well. The whites sold strongly but prices could be better on the blacks. Sally reported that the Annual Meeting was a success.

**National Show** – NAILE will be hosting the National Border Leicester Show as well as a show for youth. John Mrozinski will be judging Border Leicesters.

**National Eastern Regional Show** – Polly reported that ESE will host the eastern regional show with Ed Julian doing the judging honors.

**Old Business:**

**By-Laws Revision** - It was agreed that the Directors would review the By-Laws, if they haven't already, in preparation for a possible revision. Sally pointed out that the wording regarding the age of a junior member was not consistent between the By-Laws and Membership Application. Proposed changes should be sent to Directors prior to the next meeting.

**Di Waibel Trophy & Northwest Show** – Coleen was not able to be present; discussion will resume in September.

Sue Johnson temporarily left the meeting.

**New Business:**

**Officer Elections** - The following officers were elected: President, Linda Koeppl; Vice President, Greg Deakin.

**Appointed Positions** - The Directors approved the following appointments: Recording Secretary, Sally Barney; Treasurer, William Koeppl; Webmaster, JoAnne Tuncy; Newsletter Editor, Sarah Jakeman

**Committee Appointments** – Linda will be talking to Directors to see which committees they are interested in serving on. The following committee members were asked to continue: Futurity, Polly Hopkins; Youth Activities, Colin Siegmund; Maryland/NAILE, Greg Deakin; Publicity, JoAnne Tuncy; Newsletter, Sarah Jakeman.

**Other Business:**

**Absence** – The Board excused Coleen Smith from the meeting. Well wishes were expressed for Coleen's ill grandchild.

Sue Johnson returned to the meeting.

**Next Meeting** - The next meeting was set for September 8, 2014, 8:30PM Eastern.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sally Barney – Recording Secretary