

American Border Leicester Association
Board of Director's Meeting
September 8, 2014

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

A quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order by President, Linda Koeppel. Sally presented the Secretary's report that had been sent to the Directors with additional wording acknowledging New England Sheep & Wool Growers, Deakin Family Farms, Barbara Thompson and Maybe Tomorrow as additional sponsors of the Northeast Youth Sheep Show. The minutes and the additional wording were approved by the Board. Sally also stated that ABLA had received a nice thank-you note from the Border Leicester participants in the NEYSS and an email from Associated Registries regarding their move to Kansas. The email had been forwarded to all Directors.

Bill had sent the Treasurer's Report to Directors prior to the meeting. It was moved seconded and approved to accept the report as sent. Bill also noted that this year to date 659 Border Leicester registrations have been processed as well as 276 transfers of Border Leicesters. We have, at this time, 147 paid junior and senior members. Bill also reported that he is in discussion with AR relative to the need to move or not move our bank account. Jerry shared that he lives near the new Associated Registries offices in Kansas and that after a brief period of office adjustment he will stop by the AR office. Directors were reminded that Bill and Kevin have check signing authorization.

Reports:

Promotion - Kevin reported that Border Leicesters were successful at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival with a Border Leicester ram going supreme. He mentioned that the natural colored Border Leicester show was very strong. At the Michigan Fiber Festival the Koeppel family took home Supreme Ram honors on a natural colored Border Leicester; Border Leicester fleeces also excelled in the Wisconsin fleece show.

Newsletter – Linda reminded the Board of the email all had received from Sarah Jakeman letting them know that the newsletter was done and apologizing for the lateness of the publication. Sarah indicated that she would like to remain as the editor and that the October newsletter would be on time. Sarah also made a proposal to the Board relative to waiving her editor fee for the late newsletter. The Board agreed to Sarah continuing as the newsletter editor and decided to review the latest newsletter with regard to possible lost revenue due to the timing of advertising

that had been secured and address the compensation issue after that review. Greg will be talking with Sarah directly to let her know of the Board's decision and of the need to communicate with the Board. Linda will also send a letter to Sarah outlining the Boards decisions. Jerry moved and Kevin seconded the motion that Sarah continues in her position as Newsletter Editor; the motion was approved.

Futurity - Sally reported that Polly had asked her to report that the Futurity was going well with a large number of ewes having been nominated.

Youth Activities – Kevin mentioned that he thought that Colin would schedule something for Louisville for the juniors. Kevin agreed to speak with Colin.

National Show – Greg reported that National Show entries are due October 1.

Old Business:

Bylaws – It was agreed that the Directors would read the By-Laws again to determine if there are other changes to suggest in addition to moving the age for juniors to under 22. This item will appear on the next meeting agenda.

Di-Waibel Trophy – Coleen reported that the Border Leicester breeders at the Oregon State Fair met to discuss how to honor Di. After a good discussion they asked if the ABLA Board would consider donating toward a trophy in Di Waibels name that would be awarded to the winner of the Get of Sire class; all breeds participating. Greg will be looking at trophy ideas while he is at NAILE. In 2015 they will be hosting a Western Regional Border Leicester Show at the Oregon State Fair and will be looking for ABLA support.

New Business:

AR Move – It was mentioned that the registration and transfer forms and work order forms need to have the new Kansas address in place by September 24th in order for minimal delays for our members. It was noted that a heads up for the address change was on the web. It was also noted that the AR address change needs to be prominent in the next newsletter.

Champlain Valley Fair/Addison County Fair – Sue asked if the Board would consider a donation to the Border Leicester shows at one or both of these shows. She noted that a large number of quality Border Leicesters are being shown. It was agreed to consider this request during budget development.

Michigan State Fair – Linda mentioned that there are no premiums at this fair and asked if ABLA would consider donating toward this event as well.

There being no further business the next meeting was set for November 3, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING
November 3, 2014
8:30 eastern