

**American Border Leicester Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 8, 2014**

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

A Quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order by President, Linda Koeppel. Sally gave the Secretary's report indicating that minutes of the November meeting had been sent electronically to all Directors. Jerry moved and Coleen seconded a motion to approve the minutes as sent; the motion was approved. Bill reported that he had sent his Treasurer's Report to all Directors. He reported a balance of \$6,340.83 but noted that the amount contains a number of encumbered funds for projects such as the Junior All American, Futurity and newsletter editor expenses. The newsletter editor compensation was discussed and it was agreed to not decrease her stipend based on the late ad for the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival but to note that timing of ads is critical.

**Committee Reports:**

**Newsletter:** There was no formal report from the newsletter editor. Bill suggested that someone be appointed to assist Sarah and provide direction if it is requested. Sue agreed to help with member profiles and getting articles. Kevin stated that he felt that Sarah was doing a good job in managing the expenses of the newsletter. It was agreed to continue to send the newsletter in an outer envelope. He also reminded the Directors that both Sarah and JoAnne need to receive information from committees if there is the expectation that the information will be in the newsletter or on the website. Linda asked that Directors take responsibility for sending information to the newsletter and web site as appropriate.

**Futurity:** Polly reported that the Futurity is winding down and that she expects to start compiling results soon and have the results for the January meeting.

**Youth Activities:** Kevin reported that there were no scheduled ABLA youth events at NAILE as Colin was unable to attend.

**National Show:** Greg reported that the NAILE open and junior shows went well; there were 14 exhibitors with 72 head in the open show and 12 exhibitors with 45 head in the junior show. The exceptionally strong natural colored show was mentioned. The 2015 National Show will be at ESE

**Old Business:**

**By-Laws:** Jerry reported that following the newsletter piece on the By-laws there have been no additional questions from members.

**Di Waibel Trophy:** Coleen reported that she was unable to locate a source for a carved trophy. It was suggested that a plaque with room for multi-year name plates might be appropriate. Kevin will track down the source of the ceramic sheep head, appropriate for placing on a plaque, and send the information to Coleen. It was suggested that the show in Oregon be named the National Northwestern Regional Border Leicester Show. Coleen mentioned that information on the show at the Oregon State Fair needed to be available by February.

**All American Junior Show:** Sally shared that Directors should have received a written report from Emily Gibson regarding the All American Junior Show fundraising. Linda agreed to send a note to Emily thanking her for her effort. It was agreed that although the funds are in hand that ABLA would not pay the bill until it is received.

**Secretary and Treasurer's Job Descriptions:** Sally reported that she had sent a list of her duties to the Board members. There was no discussion; the Directors felt it was an accurate description of the responsibilities of the Recording Secretary. Bill sent a report to the Directors as well outlining his core monetary responsibilities and the non-core responsibilities as well. Bill will be working on finalizing the description. Bill expressed his concern that we are not currently doing a good job of welcoming new members. It was suggested that decals, magnets and other such items had been used in the past when welcoming new members. The information previously sent to new members is on the website. ABLA will work on getting new member packets together.

**Insurance Policy:** Jerry reported that he had reviewed our insurance policy and felt that Bill should probably be bonded. Bill will check with the Mitchell Agency as to what bonding would cover and the cost of bonding.

#### **New Business:**

**Audit:** Bill asked the Board about the auditing of the books. It was agreed that the need was for a review of the books by an independent source and a report in writing of their findings.

**Non-Factored:** Kevin expressed a concern with the factoring in white Border Leicesters. His question is, "are we losing the non-factored gene pool?" The Directors agreed that it was important to maintain good quality non-factored sheep. Linda agreed to write an article for the next newsletter.

**Fees:** Sue stated that she had sent an email to the Board. She was wondering if ABLA needed to increase fees. Sue said that if a fee increase is needed it probably needs to be implemented at the beginning of the year.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING**  
**January 12, 2015**  
**8:30PM Eastern**