

American Border Leicester Association
Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2014

Present: Linda Koeppel, Greg Deakin, Jerry Wigglesworth, 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 noting the minutes of September 8th that had been emailed prior to the meeting. The September minutes were approved as sent. Sally reported receiving correspondence from the American Lamb Board outlining the lamb check-off procedures for purebred breeders. It was agreed that Sally would forward the information to Sarah for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Bill presented his Treasurer's report noting that the report had been sent to Director's ahead of time. The Board approved the first three paragraphs of the report that were specific to the treasury; there is a balance of \$7090.70 in the treasury. Bill shared that ABLA would be closing its Iowa bank accounts and opening a new account at a Kansas bank for ease in depositing ABLA funds sent to Associated Registries. It was approved by the Board that both Bill Koeppel and Jerry Wigglesworth will establish check signing privileges. The Board then moved on to discuss the remainder of the Treasurers report which referenced our insurance policies. It was agreed that Bill will contact our insurance agency for a copy of our policy which can be shared with all Directors. The Directors will be looking through the policy to see if it provides bonding protection or whether the Treasurer should be bonded in addition to the support of the current D&O policy. Both Sally and Bill indicated that they would like job descriptions, it was agreed that the process would start with each appointed officer detailing the things that they are currently doing.

Old Business:

National Border Leicester Show – Greg reported that there are 72 entries in the Border Leicester National Show representing both whites and natural coloreds. There are 48 entries in the Junior Show. There will be a get-together after the show for exhibitors and Border Leicester enthusiasts. Greg indicated that John Mrozinski was judging and had asked for a copy of the Breed Standard. Board members asked if, when sending the Standard to John, the phrase 3-5 months of wool growth could be pointed out. A majority of Board members present felt that this was important as these are long wool sheep. Sally was asked to send the Standard to the judge.

Promotion, Publicity, Website – No report

Newsletter – Sue pointed out that the most recent newsletter contained at least one article printed in a font so small it was hard to read. She pointed out that educational articles are an important part of the mission of the Association and that when people send articles they should be printed in a form all can read. The Board agreed that what is printed needs to be able to be read. It was also noted that costs need to be contained and that prioritizing articles for insertion is important and

unfortunately necessary. We do not want to lose our advertisers and there is a need to cover a variety of topics and aspects of the Border Leicester industry. It was agreed that if the Editor receives too much material and it cannot fit into a reasonable document she should feel free to call a Director for support and guidance. Sur agreed to work with Sarah to get a member profile for the next newsletter.

Futurity – The Futurity is rolling along and will end with the NAILE shows.

Youth Activities – No report

By-Laws – Jerry reported that to date the only suggested change is the age of Junior membership to less than 22 years of age.

Di Waibel Trophy – No report

Northwest Regional Show – No report

New Business:

Checking Authority – Covered previously

Bonding of the Treasurer – Previously discussed

Other – It was asked how Emily Gibson was coming with her effort to raise money for the participation fee for the All American Junior Show. Sally reported that it appears she is only \$50 from her goal and that there would be 9 classes with whites and blacks showing separately.

Next Meeting Date - The next meeting was set for December 8, 2014 at 8:30PM eastern time.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Barney – Recording Secretary