

American Border Leicester Association
2015 Annual Meeting
May 24, 2015 – Wooster, Ohio

The meeting was called to order by President, Linda Koeppel. Members introduced themselves and guests were recognized. Sally Barney shared the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting and they were approved as presented. Sally also shared that thank-you notes from junior members were on display for the members to enjoy.

Treasurer, Bill Koeppel presented the 2014 ABLA Financial Report which detailed budgeted items versus the actual. The 2015 ABLA budget, approved by the Directors on 4/6/15 was shared with those in attendance. Bill shared that the transaction fee charged by Associated Registries for each transaction they handle has increased from \$2.85 per transaction to \$3.15 per transaction. He also shared that the Board of Directors had voted to increase the ABLA fees for registrations and transfers as of July 1, 2015, as a result of the AR increase in fees. Bill reported a current checkbook balance between \$4500 and \$5000.

Sally Barney reported that the Linda Koeppel was re-elected to the ABLA Board of Directors and that Colin Siegmund was elected to his first term as Director. The membership and Board thanked outgoing Director, Kevin Young, for his active service.

Promotion/Newsletter/Website - Sarah Jakeman, Newsletter Editor, reminded the members of the opportunity to submit news or advertising for the newsletter.

Futurity - Polly Hopkins reported that the Futurity nominations were coming in and that many of the ewes in the National Sale had been nominated.

National Sale Report – Greg Deakin reported that there were 36 white Border Leicesters and 19 colored Border Leicesters in the Sale and that the quality was high.

National Fleece Show Report – Marilyn Fogle shared the results of the 2015 Fleece Show:

White Ram Fleeces

1. Linda Reichert
2. Marilyn Fogle
3. Colin Deakin

White Ewe Fleeces

1. Marilyn Fogle (**Overall Champion**)
2. Marilyn Fogle
3. Colin Deakin

Natural Colored Ram Fleeces

1. Tiffany Deakin

Natural colored Ewe Fleeces

1. Linda Koeppel
2. Tiffany Deakin
3. Tiffany Deakin
4. Kent Knappenburger

Upcoming Shows – Polly Hopkins reminded everyone that the National Border Leicester Show was going to be held at Eastern States Exposition on 9/26/15. She also reported that entries were still open for the Northeast Youth Sheep Show. Greg reminded everyone of the opportunities to show in the Open and Youth shows at NAILE and Sally reported that Border Leicesters would be in the All American Junior Sheep Show for the very first time.

Buyer's Credits – Sally reminded everyone that there were youth Buyer's Credits available for the National Sale as ABLA has donated five (5) \$50 credits.

Jack Price shared a new Border Leicester Show opportunity with the group. On August 23, 2015 there will be a Border Leicester show at the Illinois State Fair. There are classes for both white and natural colored Border Leicesters. Entries go to Jack; go to PWSheep.com for entry information.

Marilyn announced the results of the silent auction/raffle held to support youth activities. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Barney – Recording Secretary