

American Border Leicester Association
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015

A quorum was present.

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

The meeting was opened by President, Linda Koeppel. Sally reported that the minutes of the December meeting had been sent to all Directors electronically. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as sent. Bill reported that he has established online banking with the Bennington Bank. He stated that he is currently using up old checks before starting to write checks on the new bank. Bill said that he will have the end-of-year report before our next meeting. Bill reminded the Directors that they had received his full Treasurers report electronically and it was moved, seconded and approved to accept that report as sent.

Publicity/Promotion/Website: Bill asked about promotional material and how we make that material available to members. Greg mentioned that he has all of the originals and would send a copy to everyone for discussion.

Newsletter: The newsletter deadline is January 15; Linda encouraged all Directors to get their contributions to Sarah prior to the deadline. Linda and Coleen both indicated they were writing an article.

Futurity: Polly has compiled the Futurity results and has forwarded a copy of the results to each Director.

National Sale: Linda reported that she had talked with Marilyn Fogle and that she is moving forward with plans for Wooster. Marilyn has located a new banquet venue called Jakes Steakhouse that is close to the sale grounds and reasonably priced; the Board asked Linda to have Marilyn move forward with the venue. The dinner will be held on Saturday, May 23.

Old Business:

By-Laws Revision: No new information to report

Di Waibel Trophy: Coleen reported that she had no new news to report, but that she had asked Bill to include money for a Di Waibel Trophy in the 2015 budget.

Northwest Regional Border Leicester Show: Coleen reported that they are moving forward with the show.

Treasurer & Secretary Job Descriptions: Bill reported that he is still working on editing his position description.

Non-Factored Sheep: Linda indicated that she would be touching on this subject in the newsletter and asking for member feedback.

Membership and Transaction Fees: Sue reminded the Directors that she had sent an email to them regarding the ABLA fee structure. She stated that she feels our transaction costs and membership fees are low and that if we raise the fees we will generate the dollars that allow us to do more. Jerry suggested we look at the 2015 budget before deciding. Coleen reminded the Board that

since we are already into 2015 it would be a change for 2016. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting.

New Business:

Membership Letter: Bill mentioned that JoAnne had reminded him that no letter had gone out asking members to renew their membership. Polly and Greg shared that the President's Letter was usually sent in January; in the past it has either been sent individually or as an insert in the newsletter. Greg said he could share the letter format with Linda; it has generally contained a renewal application and a return envelope and was sent as a separate mailing. The renewal contained a cut-off date and those renewing after the deadline were not included in the printed 2015 Directory.

The date of the next meeting will be February 9, 2015.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Barney, Recording Secretary