

American Border Leicester Association
Board of Director's Meeting
March 9, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order by President, Linda Koeppel. The Secretary reported that the minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting had been sent electronically to Directors. Jerry moved and Polly seconded a motion to approve the minutes as distributed; the motion passed. Bill noted that he had sent each Director a Treasurers report. Jerry moved and Coleen seconded a motion to approve the March Treasurers report as submitted; the motion passed. Bill reported that, to date, there are 101 paid members which is in line with 2014 memberships as of this date.

Old Business:

2014 End of Year Budget Report: Bill asked if the Board could take a formal vote on the 2014 end of the year budget report. Sue moved and Jerry seconded a motion to approve the 2014 ABLA Financial Report – Budget vs Actual as submitted prior to the February meeting. The motion passed. Bill stated that he would forward the report to Sarah for insertion in the newsletter.

2015 Budget: Bill began the budget discussion by sharing that he was not in favor of deficit budgeting. Bill mentioned that AR is now taking \$3.15 per transaction up from \$2.85; this fee decreases our income from registrations and transfers. Linda asked if there were items in the proposed budget that could be picked up by local breeders such as Lead Line premiums at NAILE, KILE and ESE. Sue reminded the Board that an increase in registration and transfer fees would improve the income side of the budget but that members need timely notification of a fee increase. Jerry mentioned that he would like all Directors to vote on any proposed fee increases. Coleen moved and Jerry seconded a motion to take an e-mail vote within one week to increase the fee for each registration and transfer to \$7.00 starting on July 1, 2015; non-member fees for registrations and transfers will be double those charged to members. The motion was approved. Bill mentioned that KILE had asked for clarification as to whether ABLA would be supporting the Border Leicester Show. The Board gave approval for \$200 for the 2015 KILE Border Leicester junior show and \$75 for the exhibitor leading a Border Leicester who places highest in each of the three Lead Line classes for a total of \$275. Bill will inform KILE of the decision. Polly reminded the Board that \$200 for the Di Waibel trophy needs to be included in the 2015 budget. Bill stated that the 2015 budget will be finalized at the April meeting. Sally expressed surprise that ABLA had never negotiated a new contract with AR yet their fees had increased. Bill will talk to AR about the contract.

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival: Linda reported that Marcia Haggie will be handling the ABLA exhibit at Maryland. The ABLA exhibit needs to go to Maryland and on to Wooster.

All American Junior Show: Polly attended the AAJSS meeting. Polly will be the ABLA representative checking papers for the Border Leicester show.

Factored Sheep: Linda mentioned that referring members to an article written by Judy Lewman, which appeared in a previous newsletter, would be a good way to introduce breeders to “factoring”. Linda will reference the article(s) in her newsletter column.

Promotional Material: Linda mentioned that she had e-mailed JoAnne Tuncy regarding a way to make our promotional materials easier to find on the website.

Northwest Regional Show: Coleen reported that information had gone to the Oregon State Fair as requested by them. She stated she had asked for a Best Head class. She is still looking for a trophy.

New Business:

Election Bios: Sally reminded everyone that election bios need to be included in the next newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING
APRIL 6, 2015
8:30PM EASTERN**