American Border Leicester Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 6, 2015

Present: Polly Hopkins, Greg Deakin, Sue Johnson, Jerry Wigglesworth, Kevin Young, Sally Barney

A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Greg Deakin. Jerry moved and Kevin seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting as sent to all Directors. The motion passed.

Committees:
Publicity: Greg reported that the ABLA ad for the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival Catalog had been sent and received.
Futurity: Polly stated that she would have an article about the Futurity in the next newsletter.
Youth: Kevin stated that he would call Colin to see what plans he might have for youth exhibitors at the All American Junior Show and the NEYSS.

The Directors expressed their desire to have the Web Master, Newsletter Editor, and Youth Activities Coordinator on their conference call meetings for at least a portion of the meeting.

Old Business:

Director Vote - Fee Increases: Sally reported that every Director, by email vote, had voted to increase the Registration and Transfer fees as of July 1, 2015. The motion passed.

Budget: Polly reminded the Directors that she had sent everyone a draft budget that combined Bills with discussions from the two previous meetings. Concern was raised over passing a deficit budget; all were reminded that the increase in fees as of July 1 would increase the income side of the budget. Changing the newsletter from four times a year to three was discussed as a cost saving measure; it was decided not to make that change at this time. The Directors voted to add $100 to the budget to support a Vermont Border Leicester Show due to the high numbers of quality Border Leicesters exhibited; Sue will handle this item. After further discussion Jerry moved and Kevin seconded a motion to accept the Hopkins/Koeppel budget as sent by Polly to the Directors. The motion passed. Polly agreed to format the budget and to send it to all Directors as well as to the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival: Greg reported that the Maryland ABLA ad was in and that there were no Border Leicesters entered in the sale. Marcia Haggie is handling the ABLA booth and Sarah & Jack Jakeman are donating a natural colored Border Leicester ewe lamb to the Youth Conservationist Program.
New Business:

Election Ballots: It was decided to have Sarah send out the election ballots to all 2015 paid members with returns going to Sally.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING
MAY 11, 2015
8:30PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time