

**American Border Leicester Association  
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2016**

**Present:** Polly Hopkins, Greg Deakin, Colin Siegmund, Coleen Smith, Linda Koeppel, Jerry Wigglesworth, Stacy Taylor, Jack Price, Sally Barney

The meeting was called to order by President, Polly Hopkins. A quorum was present.

Sally reminded the Board that they had received the minutes of the October meeting electronically. There was one correction made as it is Holiday Thomas, not Drew, who is fundraising for the AAJSS. Colin moved and Coleen seconded a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was approved. Sally shared correspondence that listed the NAILE Lead Line participant placings for 2016.

Jack reminded the Board that the Treasurer's report had been sent to them electronically. He reported that ABLA had not yet received an invoice from KILE. There have been 15 memberships paid for 2017. There were no questions concerning the report. Colin made a motion, seconded by Jerry, to approve the report as sent; the motion was approved.

**Newsletter Editor:** Polly shared that, in response to the information in the newsletter that ABLA was seeking a newsletter editor; she had received a resume and samples of work from Tiffany Deakin. Tiffany is 23 and a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in Communications and Psychology. She is currently working at Banner Publications. The Directors asked to have Tiffany's resume sent to them. Jerry made a motion, seconded by Coleen, to hire Tiffany Deakin as the newsletter editor pending a vote to be held electronically within the next 48 hours. The motion was approved. *(The vote was taken within 48 hours and Tiffany Deakin was unanimously approved as the newsletter editor – the electronic votes are on file)*

**Publicity:** Linda reported that the new-member packets have been sent. She also mentioned that she thought that the website was good, but that it needs to list all of the ABLA Directors. In addition, Linda shared that she and Bill will provide the ribbons for the National Fleece Show. Linda excused herself from the meeting due to a sinus infection that made it hard for her to hear.

**Website:** Polly Agreed with Linda that all Directors should be listed on the website. Jaimie is eager to move forward and Polly asked Greg to let Jaimie know that she can move forward and get the site running. Dena will send Jaimie the Directory; Jerry will talk with her regarding the promotional video and Jack will continue to update AR and Jaimie on new members.

**Futurity:** Polly reported that all points had been received and that she will have a final report for the next meeting.

**Youth Activities:** Colin said he was not in NAILE for the Border Leicester youth show, but a youth activity of pizza and soda was held. Participants also received a nice gift bag. There were 37 head of sheep shown.

**Promotional Video:** Jerry reported that he has not heard from anyone regarding the video.

**NAILE:** Greg reported that there were a total of 87 Border Leicesters in the NAILE National Border Leicester Show. There were many different farms in the winner's circle. Dave Smith judged the Junior Show and Sam Wiford judged the Open Show.

**National Sale:** Greg reported that the National Border Leicester Sale will be in Wooster, OH again this year. A number of other breeds will also be holding their national sale at the same venue.

**Ribbons** – Bill & Linda Koepfel will provide the Fleece Show ribbons and Dwight & Sally Barney will provide the Sale Champion and Reserve ribbons for both whites and Natural Colored Border Leicesters.

**Annual Meeting & Dinner:** Dena Early has agreed to make arrangements for the dinner and to handle the reservations. Dinner will be at Jake's Steak House.

**Friday Night:** Greg will reserve a room at the Best Western. A volunteer is needed to coordinate the event.

**Buyers Credits:** Colin will handle the Buyer's Credits. Credits are in memory of Di Waibel. There are 5 credits of \$50 each.

**Fleece Show:** Bill and Linda Koepfel will handle the arrangements for this show.

**2017 AAJSS:** Holiday Thomas is fundraising for this year's Border Leicester Show at the All American. The breed is responsible for a gift basket which Holiday said she would handle. Donations are made payable to ABLA but sent first to Holiday Thomas. Colin moved and Stacy seconded a motion to retain the individual classes for white and natural colored Border Leicesters and to combine the natural colored and whites for group classes for the 2017 AAJSS. It is noted that whites and natural coloreds may not be combined in the same group; this decision will be revisited annually. The motion was approved.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting January 18, 2017**