2017 Annual Meeting
American Border Leicester Association
May 27, 2017 - Wooster, Ohio

Following a delicious meal at Jake’s Steakhouse, with a prayer and acknowledgement of what Memorial Weekend is about by Jack Price, the Annual Meeting was called to order by President Polly Hopkins. The President introduced the judge for the National Sale sheep show, Jim Brandt, who spoke of the increase in quality of the Border Leicesters entered and how pleased he was to be judging our National Sale. The President then invited the members to introduce themselves and state where they were from.

Artie Siegmund made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting as published in the Newsletter and handed out at this meeting. Motion was seconded and so voted.

Jack Price passed out his Treasurer’s Report for 2016 and the Budget for 2017 as approved on January 18, 2017. It was noted that there had been some additions/corrections to the Budget. Jack reported overall we are doing well financially. He noted there is money available to help shows, festivals, and other events to promote our breed. He suggested members contact Board members with ideas or requests. Jack also reported he has passed on to the Board all comments/suggestions member have made on their membership forms, and encouraged the Board to review and address them. Motion was made to accept Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded, and so voted.

The President announced that she had received word from our Secretary, Sally Barney, with the election results, and she was happy to announce that Jerry Wiggleworth from Kansas was again elected Director and welcomed Holliday Thomas from Ohio as a newly elected ABLA Director. She reminded the Board they should meet soon and elect the officers and appoint the Secretary and Treasurer positions.

Committee Reports:

Promotion & Publicity – Linda Koeppel reported she had sent out ‘welcome packets’ to new members, and was encouraged by new members joining ABLA.

Website - It was reported that the website now runs through The Banner, worked on by Jamie Roth in that office. If anyone has pictures they would like to share for the website, please email to Jamie. The new website is colorful and easy to access, members were encouraged to check it out if you haven’t already.

Newsletter – Editor Tiffany Deakin reported all is going well, the contents are member submitted mostly, and said ‘keep it coming’. Tiffany also reported that ABLA member Jackie Lee, a veterinary student, has been writing health-related articles for the newsletter. The President complimented both ladies on a job well done and encouraged participation from members.

Futurity – Polly Hopkins reported with approval of the Board, she will still run the Futurity Contest. She received many nominations of sale ewes, and they will be marked in the sale order.
She encouraged all those who sell ewe lambs or yearling ewes to youth to nominate them as well. She reminded all that the deadline to nominate is July 1, 2017.

National Sale Report – Greg Deakin reported lots of good sheep in the sale, encouraged lots of bidding tomorrow. He did not have final numbers as of yet.

National Fleece Show Report – Bill Koeppel reported it keeps growing year by year (2015=11 fleeces; 2016 =23 fleeces; 2017 = 30 fleeces). He questioned whether should limit two fleeces per exhibitor per class. Briefly discussed by the group and it was thought no problem with entering three per class. Placings were: Colored Ewe: 1st, 2nd, 3rd = Linda Koeppel, 4th = Knappenberger Family; Colored Ram = 1st= Tiffany Deakin, 2nd, 3rd = Knappenberger Family; White Ewe: 1st, 2nd, 3rd = Linda Reichert; 4th = L. Koeppel; White Ram: 1st = L. Reichert; 2nd = Marilyn Fogle; 3rd = Drew Thomas; 4th = Colin Deakin. Bill asked the group for recommendations for a fleece judge for next year. Also reported fleece sales did well overall for everyone.

National Border Leicester Show – Polly reported the National Show will be held at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts, this year. Arrival time Wednesday p.m. or Thursday, September 20 & 21st, and released the following Wednesday. Entries close August 15th. Border Leicesters will be shown Saturday September 23, 2017 starting at 8:00 a.m. Judge will be Duane Bauck from Minnesota. Camping available behind the barn, facilities are great, fair itself is great, all are invited – will be a good show!!

Youth Opportunities:

Buyers credits – Colin Siegmund reported there are five $50 buyer credits available for juniors, offered by ABLA in memory of Di Waibel. Sign up at promo booth in the sale barn. They will be drawn just before the Border Leicester Sale. Juniors do not need to be present to win.

All American Junior Show – Holliday Thomas reported this show will be in Wisconsin from June 29th to July 2nd, 2017. Entries have closed, but late entries are available. Fundraising is still going on. Holliday is preparing a basket on behalf of our breed, anyone wishing to donate an item, please contact her.

North East Youth Sheep Show – Sarah Jakeman reported this show will run July 13 – 16, 2017 at the Eastern States Expo Fairgrounds. Will host approximately 200 kids showing about 600 head of sheep. As well as a strong sheep show, there are fun kid things to do: pizza party, water slide, skill-a-ton, quiz bowl, showmanship classes, and a Used Equipment Auction on Saturday. Show is open to all breeds and all youth 21 years & younger as of January 1, 2017. Entries close June 15th.

NAILE Youth and Open Shows - Greg Deakin reported the Border Leicester open show will be Wednesday November 13, 2017. Junior show will be preceding Saturday. Was a good turnout in the Border Leicester Jr. show last year, hoping for the same this year, always want more!! Judge for open show this year will be Judy Moore. Greg explained the exhibitors fund raising money for premiums, creating high paying premiums for our breed! A slick-sheared class is coming back for ewe lambs or wethers, white or black (aka market class). Jerry Early has donated proceeds from his ewe in the sale tomorrow towards the premiums for this new class. Thank you, Jerry!
Membership Discussion –

The facebook page ‘Lovers of Border Leicesters’ was explained by creator Cathy Schiff. She invited everyone to use it to communicate as an open forum.

Cathy Schiff also reported that long time Border Leicester breeder, Nancy Weik, has lost much of her flock due to copper poisoning, including just recently losing the Champion Colored Border Leicester Ram at the 2016 NAILE show.

Meeting was adjourned, followed by the Silent Auction being closed and funds collected. Thank you to all who donated items to the Silent Auction!

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Lee, Fill-in Secretary

Five $50 Youth Buyer’s Credits Drawn on Sale Day:
  Drew Thomas
  Nora Young
  Iris Larochelle
  Aidan Thomas
  Ben Walmsley