AMERICAN BORDER LEICESTER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
Where??
MARYLAND SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL
When??
SATURDAY NIGHT MAY 2, 2009
IN LOWER SHEEP BARN (MARKET LAMB RING)
Time??
TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED
(AT CONCLUSION OF SHEEP SHOW)
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
BRING LOCAL/THEME BASKETS OR ITEMS TO
BE AUCTIONED OFF TO BENEFIT THE JR. FUND

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Presidents Message

New Year’s greetings to each and all fellow Border Leicester breeders. We are all in the midst of lambing season, one of the most exciting times of the year for every shepherd. While we are all busy in the lambing barn and in the hectic pace we live our lives, this message is for action on a few different fronts.

First, if you have not yet renewed your membership to the American Border Leicester Association, please do so now. Your $20 annual dues enables your board to operate and promote our breed to the best of our ability. You will also continue to receive our quarterly newsletter and if you pay by February 28, your flock name, address and production information will be printed in the 2009 Annual Directory.

Another important issue at hand is the checkoff vote which is ongoing at your local Farm Services Agency (FSA) until February 27. I encourage all sheep producers to vote yes to continue the Lamb Checkoff Program. The American Lamb Board (ALB) and American Sheep Industry (ASI) are two organizations who use our funds to promote our product on both a national and international basis. They are the organizations who are responsible to oversee the checkoff funding and how it is spent. My experience working with both organizations closely has been positive and one I believe we need to continue. Lamb and wool promotion, education, research, legal venues, predator control and government lobbying are just some of the areas of coverage your checkoff dollars have been spent in the past seven years of this checkoff. While we all face challenging economic times, our industry needs an organized, professional voice speaking on our behalf. I believe we have been getting our money’s worth.

Next up will be our Annual Meeting to be held Saturday evening, May 2 at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. Details about the meeting will be forthcoming in this and our next newsletter. Shortly thereafter, May 23 & 24 is our 2009 National Sale. This year’s sale will be held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Sale in Wooster, Ohio. Also that weekend is the Tunis Sale and another dozen different breeds of sheep offered for sale. A very nice sheep and wool festival is also held at Wooster at the same time. A Border Leicester fleece show has also been organized and everyone is invited to participate.

Your board would like to hear from you. Contact any of us about your ideas or concerns to make our breed better. We are here to serve you and fresh ideas are always welcome.

Good luck with the rest of your lambing season.

Greg Deakin

Editors Notes
Hello! Hope lambing is going well. As you can see I tried a new format for this newsletter. Let me know what you think! If you find an interesting article or want to write an article please send it to me! Also remember the Photo Contest for the next newsletter – adults and youth!! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or just to talk at newsletter@ablasheep.org.

Sarah Hopkins
Oven Dyeing
by Pegg Thomas

Oven dyeing gives the fiber artists another avenue for making very colorful yarns, rovings or batts. It takes only a few inexpensive pieces of equipment and is suitable for even a beginning dyer. With just a pinch of this and a squirt of that, you can create beautiful designer yarns. Use two colors, or three or ten... the sky is the limit!

**Equipment Needed:**

- Any large flat pan made of stainless steel, glass, enamel ware, or disposable aluminum foil pans can be used. (*Please note that using the disposable aluminum will affect the dye colors to some extent as the acidic vinegar interacts with the aluminum.*) Large old turkey roasters, enamel coated, are perfect as they come with a lid and are pretty much indestructible.
- Aluminum foil if your pan doesn’t have a lid
- Acid dyes such as Jacquard or similar brand
- White vinegar
- Squirt bottles, not spray bottles, but something like a water bottle with a pull up spout
- Rubber gloves
- Eye protection
- Mask
- Old plastic tablecloth to protect your work surface from spills and stains
- Old clothes
- Small plastic measuring spoon, ¼ or 1/8 teaspoon is ideal

**Preparing the Fibers:**

Whether you are using yarn, roving or batts of fiber, you will need to pre-soak them in a vinegar solution to prepare them for dyeing. First lay the fibers out in your pan so that they are neatly arranged. **For yarn, lay out smoothly so that the skein does not overlap itself and is not twisted up.** For roving, lay in a serpentine continuous strip only one layer thick, or tear into equal length strips to fit the pan, making sure that no strips overlap. **For batts**, lay out flat with no wrinkles or creases.

Gently cover the fibers with lukewarm water just enough to reach the top of the fibers. Carefully pour 1 – 2 cups vinegar over the water and fibers. Do not stir! Allow this mixture to rest for at least half an hour.

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Mixing the Dyes:
Don the rubber gloves and mask to protect yourself from stains and breathing in the dye powder. Cover the work surface to protect against stains. Fill the squirt bottles with about one cup of lukewarm water, one for each color desired. Using the small measuring spoon, add one or two spoonfuls of dye powder to the bottles. *How much dye to use depends on how intense a color is desired. This is best learned by experimenting and experience with your chosen brand of dye.* Cap the bottle and carefully swish the dye around in the bottles until completely dissolved. Do not shake!

Applying the Dyes:
Carefully squirt or drizzle your dyes over the wet fibers. How you apply them is totally up to your imagination! You can do stripes or spots or swirls, whatever takes your fancy. For best results, leave about ¼” of undyed space between the colors. When all the colors have been applied, oh so gently, push the fibers down into the dye bath. This will allow the dye to move all through the skein, roving or batt. Be careful not to mix, just push down by color section. You may want to use some old wooden spoons to do this with, or just your fingers, but wash or wipe away any extra dye before moving from one color to another.

Into the Oven:
Cover your pan with a lid or aluminum foil. Make sure that it is completely covered, you want it to steam inside. Place it into a preheat oven at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. When the time is up remove the pan from the oven but do not remove the lid or foil until the pan has reached room temperature! This will take at least an hour and probably longer, depending on how much fiber, how much liquid and what type of pan is used.

When the pan is completely cooled, remove the lid and carefully drain the liquid away. Rinse your fibers in lukewarm water until the rinse water is clear. Spread the fibers out to dry.

Using Your Dyed Creation:
If you dyed yarn, you are ready to use it! For roving, you can decide whether to spin ‘as is’ or tear it into thinner strips for spinning. For batts, you can decide whether to tear it into strips or pull it into roving. After spinning your fibers, you may want to spin singles or use the Navajo Plying technique to keep all your colors separate, or ply away as the colors fall and see what happens! However you choose to use your newly dyed fibers, they will be unique and exciting to work with.

Visit [http://www.twinwillowsfarm.com](http://www.twinwillowsfarm.com)
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Greg Deakin

My name is Greg Deakin and my wife, Deb, and children Tiffany & Colin Deakin live on the family farm near Cuba, Illinois. We breed 50 white Border Leicester ewes and our daughter Tiffany has a flock of 10 Natural Coloreds. Our son Colin enjoys his flock of Hampshire ewes.

I am actively engaged in the sheep industry as publisher of The Banner Sheep Magazine. The past six years I have had the opportunity to serve on the American Border Leicester Association Board of Directors. The past three years I have been honored to serve as President. It has been extremely rewarding working with both a great group of people and a great breed of sheep!

We have a great product to offer the industry and it is my goal to help give Border Leicesters the exposure, notoriety and recognition they deserve. Your board is aggressive and is trying new ideas in 2009 to help expand our youth involvement and visibility nationally.

I desire to be part of the momentum I believe we have going for our breed and know our breed’s future is bright. Thank you for your support.

Jennifer Bierhuizen Bio

Jennifer Bierhuizen is a current board member seeking reelection. She operates a Border Leicester operation in Culpeper, Virginia with about 50 ewes, both white and natural colored. She has been enthusiastic about getting programs organized for the junior members of our association, developing and implementing the Junior Achievement Program for the past two years. She has been the organizer for the Annual meeting at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival for the past 3 years and is working, one again, on developing another successful event for 2009. She has four children who are active with the Border Leicesters and they have shown their sheep in a variety of shows in Maryland and Virginia, taking home many supreme championships along the way.

In addition to her sheep, she is a registered pharmacist, a member of the Gifted Advisory Board for the public school system, an assistant leader of the Culpeper 4-H Sheep Club, and a member of the Medical Reserve Corp. She welcomes the opportunity to serve the American Border Leicester Association for another term.
Election time is here folks. Two directors will be elected this year for a term of three (3) years. Bios for the applicants are on page 5. Please be sure to have your ballots back to the Secretary – postmarked no later than April 20, 2009.

Vote for two individuals to fill the terms for the three-year slots open

Greg Deakin
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Jennifer Bierhuizen
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Photo Contest Winners

Youth Division

1st - Colin Siegmund
2nd - Colin Siegmund
3rd - Hunter Gibson

Emily Gibson
Hunter Gibson

Adult Division

Emily Gibson

Sally Barney

ABLAPhoto Contest Rules:
1. Must be an ABLA member;
2. Every member can enter 2 photos in each newsletter contest;
3. The pictures entered must have a Border Leicester sheep in them;
4. After photos are entered, ABLA has the rights to use them in promotional items;

There are three age groups:
- 13 & under
- 14-18 years old
- Adult

Send your pictures by email newsletter@abla.org or snail mail to
Sarah Hopkins
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Deadline for next contest
June 15, 2009
4th Annual National Border Leicester Sale

Show: Saturday 11:00 am
MAY 23
Judge: Dave Smith, Earl Park, IN

Sale: Sunday Equipment 11:00 am
MAY 24
Sheep 1:00 pm
Auctioneer: Roger Hunker, OH

GREAT LAKES

WOOSTER, OHIO

2008 National Sale Champion Ram
Bred in Illinois and sold to a California buyer.

2008 National Sale Champion Ewe, NAILE
Sold in last year’s National Sale by a Rhode Island consignor to an Ohio breeder!

- 30 Head of the Breed’s Best! -

Featuring White Consignments from these Top Breeders:

Bear Hollow Farm, OH
Cape House Farm, MI
Seldom Seen Farm, RI
Fairy Dust Farm, NH
Hintzsche Sheep Farm, IL
Montana Aerie, MT
Mayle Tomorrow Farm, RI
Twin Hickory Farm, OH
Phelps Family, IA
Deakin Family Farms, IL

And Natural Coloreds from these Top Breeders:

Cape House Farm, MI
Mayle Tomorrow Farm, RI
Twin Hickory Farm, OH
Tiffany Deakin, IL

- Most Ewe Lambs Will Be Futurity Nominated! -

Bring 2 Fleeces & Compete in Our First Border Leicester Wool Show!
Contact Sally Barney for details at sally.barney@comcast.net

Join Us for Dinner!
Saturday evening at the Amish Door Buffet. All Border Leicester friends are welcome!

Sale sponsored by the American Border Leicester Association

Entries Due April 7th
Watch for the complete sale catalog in May in The Banner and on the web at www.bannerheanmagazine.com

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PO. Box 500 • Cuba, IL 61427
309/785-5058 • Fax: 309/785-5050
NATIONAL BORDER LEICESTER SALE
FLEECE SHOW
May 23 & 24, 2009

Great Lakes Sale and National Border Leicester Sale - Wooster, Ohio
Fleeces in place – Saturday, May 23  8:30 AM

Four Classes:
1. White Border Leicester Ram Fleece
2. White Border Leicester Ewe Fleece
3. Natural Colored Border Leicester Ram Fleece
4. Natural Colored Border Leicester Ewe Fleece

100% wool scarves will be presented to each division Champion by Ohio Valley Natural Fibers.

1st Place $25  2nd Place $15  3rd Place $10

Rules & Guidelines: Fleeces must be from a registered Border Leicester and shorn within the past 12 months of the show date. Fleeces must be displayed in a clear plastic bag and may not be tied. The judge has the right to refuse to judge/place any fleece with an excessive amount of foreign matter.

General Information: The following factors will be considered when evaluating the fleece. The fleece should be typical of the Border Leicester breed including style, lock formation and fiber diameter. The fleeces will also be evaluated for uniformity, length and strength of the staple, fleece condition, luster and estimated yield.

Fleeces may be brought to the show or shipped to Marilyn Fogle, 22321 Raymond Rd., Raymond, OH 43067; fleeces that are shipped must be received by Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Fleeces may be sold through “private Treaty Sale” or returned to the exhibitor. There is a $2 entry fee per fleece.

Fleeces will be on display from 8:30 AM, Saturday, May 23, 2009 through 1:00 PM Sunday, May 24, 2009. Fleeces which are sold may be removed from display at the time of sale.
Entry Procedure: Each fleece must be accompanied by a 3x5 index card, inside an envelop, which includes: Owner Name, Farm Name, Address, Phone Number, $2 entry fee (made out to ABLA) and whether the fleece is to be sold or returned to the owner. Sale fleeces MUST include a sale price. Fleeces to be returned via the mail must be accompanied by a shipping label and return postage.

On the outside of the envelop containing the 3x5 card please include the following: Breed, Sex, Age, Fleece Weight, Shearing Date and Class Entered.

No pre-registration – just check in with your fleeces or have them shipped as stated above.

Questions may be directed to the Fleece Show Coordinators:
Marilyn Fogle, Raymond, OH, 937-246-0265 or
Sally Barney, Lee, NH 603-659-5857.
The American Border Leicester Sheep Association
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Woolmark Farm, NH www.Sally.Barney@comcast.net;
Fairy Dust Farm, NH www.ekehg@comcast.net and
Maybe Tomorrow Farm, RI KHOP4811@aol.com are show sponsors.

Remember to get your photo entries in for the next newsletter!!
AMERICAN BORDER LEICESTER EWE
FUTURITY CONTEST

1. All Junior members, 21 years as of December 31st of current year and younger, with paid membership are eligible.
2. All ewes must be registered and nominated by breeder and fee of $25 per ewe paid by same.
3. Divisions: A. White owned ewe lambs
   B. Natural Colored owned ewe lambs
   C. White home-raised* ewe lambs
   D. Natural Colored home-raised* ewe lambs
   * home-raised shall be defined as dam owned by futurity member when futurity ewe lamb is born.
4. Owned futurity ewe lambs may be purchased through sales or privately.
5. Ewes must be solely and individually owned by the youth member.
6. Points are not transferable to any other ewe or person.
7. Futurity ewes must be exhibited by the youth member. If a youth member has two futurity ewes entered in the same class, the second ewe must be exhibited by another youth member.
8. Futurity point scale:

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9. Point card must be completed and signed by superintendent of show and forwarded within 10 days of the show to Kerry Phelps at 1563 Highway 130, Tipton, IA 52772.
10. A futurity ewe may earn points from both the open and junior shows at the same event when a different judge or day is involved.
11. The futurity ewe may compete in an unlimited number of shows, but only the top 5 point cards will be used for each futurity ewe to determine the final score and placing in the futurity.

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Futurity entry fees and prize money donations will be pro-rated between all divisions based on total number of entries in each. Futurity awards for each division (see # 3)

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(extra 7% available for trophies, etc.) If less than 10 futurity ewes are in a division, the money will be divided accordingly.

When a futurity ewe lamb becomes a yearling, she may be re-nominated by the junior member owner for the yearling ewe futurity. The fee is $25 per head with the same divisions as the ewe lambs.

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Next Deadline: June 15th
CAPE HOUSE FARM
Bella with 23 minute old ram lamb
First of 16 beautiful 2009 lambs

Yearling & Lambs – black & white

Breed Character: Roman nose, ear set
Mothering instinct, newborn vigor

Linda & Bill Koeppel
Ann Arbor, Michigan
(734)747-8112; koeppels@peoplepc.com

2009 National Border Leicester Show is being held at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in Springfield, MA.

Check the Big E website after 4/15 for more information.

www.thebige.com
Lambing Tips

NurseMate: We mix 2 heaping measures to 8 oz. of milk replacer.

Feeding milk replacer to orphan lambs: Use one of the multiple nipple pails for self-feeding of the milk replacer. Lambs should be fed cold milk rather than warm. Cold milk does not sour as quickly and lambs consume small amount but more often. This is more natural for the lamb and reduces digestive problems. The one problem with feeding cold milk is getting the lambs to start nursing adequate amounts. Warm milk may be used the first week and cold milk thereafter. In a free-choice system, each lamb should consume ½ to ¾ pound of milk replacer powder in solution daily. (2-4 pints of liquid milk).

Colostrx: This is a bovine origin E. coli antibodies that is used for lambs that may not have received enough colostrum. Mix ¼ cup of Colostrx powder with ½ cup of already mixed milk replacer. Feed this mixture three times within the first 12 hours of life.

Most lambs are underfed. Lambs experience heat loss from birth to 5 hour. A large lamb requires 50 oz. of colostrum the first 24 hours of birth; eight oz. every four hours. Extra large lambs require even more!

Inverted Eyelids: Watery eyes in baby lambs is generally inverted eyelids and not pinkeye. The hair of the eyelid is rubbing against and irritating the outside surface of the eye, making it water. The eyelids need to be corrected. I like to use metal wound clips (Michel). The clips are pinched together horizontally, not vertically as one would think. It is generally the bottom lid that is involved. I've seen lambs with watery eyes, depressed, head down, and standing around; fix the eyelid and they are jumping and playing around several hours later. Failure to fix the eye can result in permanent damage and blindness.

Observe young lambs twice daily for starvation, pneumonia and scours. These are the leading killers of baby lambs.

Hypothermia

- Mild Hypothermia any age 99-102° F.
  1. Remove from ewe and dry.
  2. Supplement warm dry heat (100-103° F maximum temperature)
  3. Tube feed 50-100 mL of colostrum or milk/Nursemate
  4. Return to ewe when rectal temperature is normal (usually 1-3 hours)

- Severe Hypothermia - temperature below 99° F
  5. Under 6-8 hours old same as mild hypothermia
  6. Over 6-8 hours old same as mild hypothermia plus:
  7. Inject 10 mL of 20% dextrose solution into the body cavity 1 inch beside and one inch behind navel using a 20 gauge, 1 inch needle.

Panamycin 500mg boluses are our choice for untrauterine boluses after a difficult lambing. Dose: 3-4 boluses inserted into the uterus.

Retained placentas may be associated with hormone imbalance, selenium deficiency, premature birth or infection.

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The weather is still nasty here. It has been a tough winter. Our lambing is finished I am happy to say and all seems to be well. It is still raining hard with lots of snow in the mountains. Good for those who like to ski but not so good with this kind of weather for the young lambs. The geese are flying north and take some time to fill in the pastures for a little rest before they move on. Where I live is right in the flight path so we get quite a display of Canadian geese and sometimes other flocks of whatever. The robins are back and cleaning up in the pastures so we know spring is coming. I love to watch the young babies as they race around the pasture while mom eats. This is by far my favorite time of the year as the flowers poke their heads up and start to bloom. The yard is full of flowers or at least those that are here early. Time for a lot of the yard work that needs to be done. The Western United States has had a pretty tough go of it this winter for us. Sometimes it appeared the state of Washington and upper Oregon were just going to be washed away. The snow and ice were heavy for here so I’m glad spring is just about here. Today is St. Patrick’s Day and tomorrow it is supposed to have no rain so maybe we can spend some time outside for a bit. I hope everybody else has had an easy lambing and all is going well. Spring is always such a grand time with all the youngsters playing in the fields and the birds coming home. See you down the pathway.

Di Waibel, Western Division

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Well, it is finally (trying) to be spring here in Rhode Island. We are having lots of rain and it is really turning into “mud season”. Here at Maybe Tomorrow Farm, lambing is over, now its time to watch those lambs grow and guess who will be the best to keep and who will make that awful “one way trip”? The month of May will be a very busy month for our organization. I hope to see some of you at our annual meeting at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival and checking out the Border Leicester show through out the weekend. I am so looking forward to the National Sale in Ohio this year, it sounds like it will be a fun weekend! (and I need a vacation!) I hear there are lots of Border Leicesters entered, both white and natural colored. I can't wait to see them! The National Show this year is being hosted by the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in Massachusetts, who is also hosing the National Natural Colored Show and the National Cotwold Show. What a busy September weekend that will be!! I hope those of you show, consider coming to The Big E. It is a great show and a great fair! We always have fun! As the show season progresses, remember to send placings, champion winners, and pictures (of either winners, classes or anything to do with Border Leicesters) to our Editor so she can put them in the upcoming newsletters. and...remember: keep promoting those Border Leicesters!! -polly-
If you listen, you can hear the grass growing in Virginia. The weather is definitely falling into the "warmth of spring" category. With lambs bounding and frolicking around the fields and nervous moms bawling behind them, the threat of winter or further frost is quickly evaporating. Thank goodness.

So far this year, we have been pretty successful in our lambing with an average of 185%. I think that the ewes are doing a good job considering they are only receiving hay and grass and no grain. With grain prices still very high, our budget simply cannot afford to feed them. I have several commercial Suffolk cross ewes and they do just fine on just grass, so I don't see why my Border Leicesters can't do the same. So far, they are managing well.

We had a hawk come in and take a baby lamb (one of a set of triplets) last month, and there is some sort of creature who is ripping open the few feed bags we have each night. We are planning to lock up our barn cats and set out a few traps and see what we can get. In addition, we have had a few interesting births, some bizarre mix-ups between mom and babies, and an unfortunate death or two. You know, normal stuff.

Currently, I am working with my daughter, Bailey on her college and scholarship applications. I must say, it has been a working-learning experience. One thing that I have noticed time and time again is the need for community service and honors and awards to help her separate herself from the rest of the crowd. Having a national award from the American Border Leicester Association for her junior achievements, has been a real plus for her application. I would strongly encourage other juniors to work towards that goal this year, so that they can also have this recognition on their resume. Email me for details, so you can get started. If the association doesn't receive more applicants this year, then the program will be stopped, which would be a shame.

I hope that everyone who is within driving distance of the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival in Friendship, MD will try and attend the annual meeting on Saturday night, May 2 (around 6 p.m.). I am looking for donations for the auctions that will be held to support our youth. Last year, we collected almost $200 for the juniors. Almost anything is welcome, so send whatever you have onto me as soon as possible. (Hint: maybe you have an old statue, picture, book of sheep that we could use) I hope to see many of you there. The Board has been working hard to create some new opportunities for Border Leicester breeders and they will be discussing many of them there.

I am running for another term on the ABLA board and I hope that I have done a good job working for ABLA in the past three years. I encourage you to let the board members know what your interests and concerns are, so that we can better serve you. Hope to see you in May, and keep thinking green and warm thoughts, so that spring/summer will arrive sooner.

Jennifer Bierhuizen, junior coordinator, board member
Spirit Hill Farm
Culpeper, VA
Article II
Membership and Meetings

Section 1:
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Section 4:
Voting on issues addressed at membership meetings shall be conducted by mail ballot no less than 30 days after the Annual Membership Meeting, the Secretary of the Association shall mail the ballot to each active member. Results of the balloting shall be counted by the Secretary of the Association or a person designated by the Board, and shall be kept in his or her custody for a period of time as designated by the Board, and be subject to inspection at reasonable times by any member of the Association. The membership shall be promptly notified of the results of such balloting. The act of the majority of those voting shall be considered an act of the membership of the association, except when a two-thirds majority of the membership is called for in these bylaws.

Section 4:
Voting on issues addressed at membership meetings where a quorum of active members are present, will be voted on and decided at such meetings, unless decided by the Board of Directors to do otherwise. If an issue presented at a membership meeting is deemed important enough for a member vote, then a mail ballot will be issued, no less than 30 days after the membership meeting, by the Secretary of the Association. Results of the balloting shall be counted by the Secretary of the Association or a person designated by the Board, and shall be kept in his or her custody for a period of time as designated by the Board, and be subject to inspection at reasonable times by any member of the Association. The membership shall be promptly notified of the results of such balloting through the Association’s newsletter or the Association’s website. The act of the majority of those voting shall be considered an act of the membership of the Association.
Article III
Officers and Board of Directors

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Article VI
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Article IX
Amendments

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Section 2: These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by the affirmative two-thirds of the active membership in good standing. Proper notification as noted above shall include a clearly stated notice of what section of the bylaws is to be deleted, changed, or added; and what the exact wording of the desired change or addition shall be. Not more than 30 days after the annual membership meeting the secretary of the association shall mail the proposed amendments and bolts to each active member. Results of the balloting shall be counted by the secretary of the association or such other person as designated by the Board, and shall be kept in his or her custody for a period of time as determined by the Board, and subject to inspection at reasonable times by any member of the association. The membership shall be promptly notified of the results of such balloting.

Section 2: These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by the affirmative two-thirds of the active membership in good standing who return their vote. Proper notification as noted above shall include a clearly stated notice of what section of the bylaws is to be deleted, changed, or added; and what the exact wording of the desired change or addition shall be. At the discretion of the Board, any proposed amendments or changes will be mailed with a ballot by the Secretary of the Association within thirty (30) days of such proposals to each active member. Ballots shall be returned to the Board within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the proposed amendments. Results of the balloting shall be counted by the Secretary of the association or such other person as designated by the Board, and shall be kept in his or her custody for a period of time as determined by the Board, and subject to inspection at reasonable times by any member of the association. The membership shall be promptly notified in a timely fashion of the results of such balloting through the Association’s newsletter and or through the Association’s
2009 NORTH EAST YOUTH SHEEP SHOW
JULY 16-19, 2009

This year celebrates 25th annual North East Youth Sheep Show. The first show was held in 1985 with three breeds being shown in a one day event. The show has experienced growth and changes over the years and now hosts fourteen breeds, as well as All Other Breed Show, and runs a full weekend. The event is sponsored by the New England Sheep & Wool Growers along with many of the national and northeast breed associations and private donors. This year’s show runs from July 16th thru 19th and is held in the Livestock Complex at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts. It is open to all youths under the age of 21 years with all breeds of sheep being invited. The exhibitors must solely own or lease their sheep or co-own sheep in a youth partnership. The sheep and exhibitors should arrive by Thursday, July 16th, with animals being penned by 11:00 p.m. Activities begin on Thursday evening and continue right through the weekend with the finale being the selection of the Supreme Champions on Sunday afternoon. The judges for this year’s show are Ed Julian, Steve Taylor and Stacey Taylor. Entry information will be available by mid-May on the NES&WG website (www.nesheep.org). Deadline for entries is the Friday before the show.

This weekend in July holds many activities including the New England Sheep Sale, Used Equipment Auction, the New England Sheep & Wool Growers Annual Meeting, Friday night’s Lamb Barbeque, the New England Sale Supreme Awards and annual Ice Cream Social. Junior activities include a Poster Contest, Quiz Bowl on Thursday night, Skillathon and judging of Market Lambs on Friday, Fitting and Showmanship classes on Saturday, and judging of breeds on Sunday. In celebration of the 25th anniversary, a Pizza Party will be held Saturday night for all youth show exhibitors and their families. Also, new this year will be a Fleece Show. For more information on any of these events check out the website.

This show has become a major event in the northeast thanks to all the loyal supporters. The many New England and northeast breed associations and their breeders have contributed time and money over the past twenty-five years making this the second largest Youth
Show in the Country! Many National breed associations also contribute to the show by providing premiums and awards. Funds for this show are raised in many other ways as well: (a) profits made in the Food Booth - which is open the entire weekend of the show; (b) items donated and sold in the Fiber Nook at Eastern States Exposition; and (c) private donations. Any one wishing to lend their support contact one of the following people: to make a monetary donation, forward check to Scott Poitras, Treasurer, 95 Hollow Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010; to bake “goodies” for the Food Booth contact Nancy at JNEN@aol.com; or to make/knit items to sell in the Fiber Nook or donate your time helping out during the fair, contact Cheryl at camarchand@verizon.net.

Another big fundraiser, as well as a form of advertising for our supporters, is the annual NEYSS T-shirt. Each youth exhibitor receives T-shirt commemorating the yearly event. For $25.00 a farm, individual or business can have their name listed on the back of the t-shirt as an official supporter of the 2009 North East Youth Sheep Show. The goal each year is to cover the costs of the T-shirts – and so far that goal has always been met! If you are interested in being a T-shirt sponsor send your $25.00 (made payable to NES&WG) to Deb Hopkins, 1125 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857. Deadline for this is May 1st.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who has supported this youth show in the past and we look forward to another twenty-five more years of fun!

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