

**American Border Leicester Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 10, 2011**

Present: Polly Hopkins, Greg Deakin, Kerry Phelps, JoAnne Tuncy, Sue Johnson, Jennifer Bierhuisen, Anne Key, Sally Barney

The meeting was called to order by Polly Hopkins. The minutes of the December minutes were approved as amended and sent to the Board. Sally read a thank you note from Claudia Causineau, VT, for the ABLA support to the Northeast Youth Show. The Board approved the 2010 year end Treasurer's report and approved the January report as presented.

Publicity & Fundraising: Greg reported that several members have agreed to donate lambs to the National Sale in Wooster, OH, with the proceeds used to support the NAILE Border Leicester Show premium fund. An informal poll of members at NAILE seemed to indicate very little interest in a Tee shirt fundraiser.

Newsletter: The newsletter deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>. To date there have been no contacts from persons interested in the position of editor. The editor vacancy is posted on the web site and will appear in the newsletter.

Website: The event/show calendar has been updated. The member posting a classified ad was pleased with the results of the posting and has posted a new ad.

Futurity: There were 20 entries in the second annual Border Leicester Futurity. Winners are being notified and their names will appear in the newsletter.

2011 Annual Meeting: Sue and Jennifer reported that the annual meeting will follow the format of the previous year. Greg has reserved the location for Saturday night. Raffle baskets or items are being requested as in the past.

National Sale: The sale will be held on May 29 & 30, Wooster, OH. An ad for the sale will be included in the January newsletter.

National Sale Dinner: Marilyn Fogle has organized a group of active Ohio Border Leicester breeders to work on restaurant selection and other sale opportunities. The dinner will be held in the Olde Jailhouse Restaurant. Polly will ask for a report for a future newsletter.

National Fleece Show: The fleece show will once again be held in conjunction with the National Sale. Classes will remain as in the past with the addition of a Youth Division with both a class for white fleeces and a class for natural colored fleeces. There is an opportunity to have your fleeces picked up at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival for inclusion in this event.

New Business:

Budget: There was discussion regarding the 2011 budget. It was decided to take the suggestions made at the meeting, and any additional suggestions or comments e-mailed to JoAnne, and use them in developing the final budget which will be approved via e-mail.

Election: Biographies from members interested in running for ABLA Director must be sent to Polly by March 4, 2011, in time for inclusion in the March newsletter. Final votes must reach Sally by April 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be an ad in the January newsletter inviting member biographies. Sue Johnson, Kerry Phelps and JoAnne Tuncy have indicated they will not be seeking another term.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney, Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2011  
8:30 Eastern**

**Addendum:**

ABLA Numbers 2010:		2009 Comparison
	Registrations 792	729
	Transfers 378	284
	Members 156	155