

American Border Leicester Association
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2011

Present: Greg Deakin, Mark Korf, Polly Hopkins, Barb Hintzsche, Jerry Wigglesworth, Anne Key, Web Master JoAnne Tuncy, Sally Barney, recording Secretary.

Greg Deakin called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting on May 23, 2011 were approved as sent to the Directors. Two thank you's for ABLA support were read; they were sent from youth attending the Border Leicester show at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. While there was no registration and transfer data available, it was noted that the number of members currently stands at 131.

Website: JoAnne Tuncy reported that she needs copies of approved minutes from Directors meetings since March of 2011. Sally will send these to JoAnne. The website is updated and waiting on bios from Directors not elected in 2011; the nomination bios will be used for those elected in 2011.

Northeast Youth Sheep Show: Polly reported that a total of 248 youth and 950 sheep (840 exhibited) were entered in the NEYSS. There were 10 youth that exhibited 33 Border Leicesters.

Up Coming Events: Wisconsin State Fair (August); Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival (September); National Border Leicester Show at Eastern States Exposition (September 25th, entries due August 15); North American International Livestock Exhibition (Louisville, KY, November 16, 3:30PM)

ABLA Booth: The ABLA booth is available for events and shows. It is currently on its way to Greg via UPS.

Committee Assignments:

Publicity: Jerry Wigglesworth; Anne Key

Website: JoAnne Tuncy; all Directors

Junior Activities: Mark Korf, Jennifer Bierhuizen, Kristen Gibson

Futurity: Sarah Jakeman; Polly Hopkins

National Show: Polly Hopkins, Sarah Jakeman, Sally Barney

Annual Meeting: Jennifer Bierhuizen; Barb Hintzsche, Don Morehouse, Marilyn Fogle

National Fleece Show: Marilyn Fogle; Anne Key

Finance: Polly Hopkins, Mark Korf

Futurity: Polly reported that 23 sheep had been nominated for the Futurity.

New Business:

Explanation of Black Factor: Greg reported that a number of members have requested an explanation of the B and F designations on the registration papers (Black and Black Factored). After a brief discussion it was agreed that this would make an excellent newsletter article. (At this point Jerry Wigglesworth excused himself and did not further participate in the meeting) Sue Johnson and Di Waibel were suggested as authors for such an article. Polly and Greg will work further on this item.

Newsletter: Greg shared with the Board that the newsletter was not out, but was expected to be mailed within the week. The Board reviewed the arrangements that had been made with the current editor who was contracted to do two newsletters; the Board and editor Adam Watkins had agreed that a review would follow the second newsletter. The Board agreed that this was the correct time for a review of the work done on the newsletter. After a discussion that included a review of the layout, design, timeliness, accuracy, and cost of the past two newsletters, it was voted unanimously by the Directors to not renew the appointment of Adam Watkins as newsletter editor. After further discussion it was agreed to move forward and ask another original applicant, Stacy Wise, to handle the next two newsletters with a review to follow. Greg agreed to speak with both Adam Watkins and Stacy Wise on behalf of the Board.

There being no further business the date of the next meeting was selected for Monday, September 12, 2011, at 8:30 PM eastern time. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
8:30 PM Eastern**