

**American Border Leicester Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 24, 2011**

Present: Greg Deakin, Barb Hintzche, Polly Hopkins, Jerry Wigglesworth, Anne Key, Jennifer Bierhuizen

The meeting was called to order by Greg Deakin, President. The minutes of the previous meeting of September 12, 2011 were approved as sent to the Directors. The Treasurers report was approved as submitted. The current balance in the Treasury is \$4696.20. Greg reported that this year to date there have been 732 Border Leicesters registered and 205 transferred. Polly read a letter from Eastern States Exposition thanking the ABLA for hosting their annual show at the Big E.

Old Business:

Website: No report

Events: Polly reported that the National Border Leicester Show went well with a strong contingent of sheep. Greg reported that the Border Leicesters sold well in the New York Bred Ewe Sale. Polly shared that Stephanie Larochelle will be putting together the Border Leicester display for the second annual New England Fiber Fest. Greg reminded all of the NAILE Border Leicester open and junior shows coming up in November.

Committee Reports:

Publicity: Jerry reported that he and Anne have met to discuss ideas for publicity. They have pondered the question of how to get more folks to use the web site for Border Leicester information. One creative idea put forth was to use You Tube type videos on the web page which also brought forward the question of how to execute such an endeavor. It was discussed that a real strength of this format would be the ability to show the great diversity among breeders in how they manage their Border Leicester flocks. (Jennifer Bierhuizen joined the call at this time)

Futurity: Polly is still receiving show information from participants. The Futurity pot contains \$625.

Finance: No report

New Business:

Newsletter: The newsletter is being copied and will be mailed this week.

Size of Animals: The smaller size sheep mentioned in a variety of our ABLA publications appears to be on target. The Board will review member comments, solicited through the newsletter, before making a decision.

Associated Registries: In light of the fact that Associated Registries is asking the ABLA to renew its contract through 2015, and the fact that most current sitting Directors are not familiar with the language of the contract, it was requested at the previous meeting that a committee look into our current contract. Jerry reported that the current contract gives the ABLA and/or AR the opportunity to sever the agreement with six months notice. It is understood that the ABLA would receive an

updated electronic copy of our records should the two entities decide to go their separate ways. Data entry handled by AR is done at \$15 per hour. It was agreed that rather than sign a contract extension through 2015 as requested by AR, that the ABLA take a one year contract extension while the ABLA Directors continue to study the various components of the contract. Greg will draft a letter to that effect for Board review.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Barney – Recording Secretary