

Annual Meeting Minutes

The 127th annual meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held November 16, 2009, at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky.

President Darrell Howard called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and thanked the Banquet Committee for the excellent program on the 30th anniversary of the junior association, and all those in attendance for coming. It was noted that breeders from 18 states were present.

The President then asked the Executive Secretary to read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. It was moved by Mike Bishop to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Patty Abell; motion passed.

The Executive Secretary then presented the report to the membership on the registrations, transfers, top ten recorders, christened sheep and cash balance for the past fiscal year of the Association. The cash balance for the end of the fiscal year was \$103,215.01. It was moved by Brian Forsee to accept the report as given; seconded by C.J. Robinson; motion carried.

It was then announced by Kyle Thayer that the Proxy and Nominating Committees had been previously appointed.

Stacy Scramlin of the Youth Committee noted that there had been five Ambassadors in the past year, but we are fortunate to have nine Ambassadors in the coming year. They will attend the many Southdown events across the country. She also wished to thank those that supported the youth program as sponsors.

Brian Forsee of the National Show and Stars Committee welcomed everyone to Kentucky. He noted we were all looking forward to an excellent National Show tomorrow. The sale average on the Stars Sale held over the weekend was \$858.93 on 29 head sold.

Brian Forsee also stated a strong National Sale was held in conjunction with the Midwest Stud Ram Sale this past June. The sale average for the event had been \$643 per head. He also wished to again thank Honor Show Feeds for the clinic on fitting, door prizes and meal.

Patty Abell of the Ewes for Youth Committee noted that 21 applicants had been received this year with 5 youth receiving ewes. Thanks to those breeders that donated ewes.

Patty Abell, also of the "Pot of Gold" Futurity Committee, stated that record number of youth turned in points this year for a very competitive futurity. Whitney Betts of Delaware was the winner in the ewe lamb division, and Kacy Schneidermeyer was winner of the yearling ewe division.

Gary Kwisnek of the National Junior Show Committee reported on the very successful show held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There were 50 exhibitors present with over 200 sheep shown. It was a great weekend for the Southdown breed!

Barb Bishop of the Youth Leadership Committee congratulated the three excellent youth who received \$600 scholarships from the Association this year. They were Emilie Kuhn, Chris Parsons and Sarah Doyle.

Mark Johnson of the *Journal* Committee reminded those breeders present that the next deadline for the *Journal* would be November 27. There will be two other issues of the *Journal* printed next year, one prior to the National Sale and National Junior Show, and one prior to Louisville. Mark also introduced Kaye Weaber, editor of the *Journal*.

With no further committee reports, the President then asked for new business.

C.J. Robinson of the Nominating Committee noted the following directors with terms expiring in 2009:

Region 2 District 2	Jeff Repasky
Region 2 District 3	Darrell Howard
Region 2 At Large	Barbara Bishop
Region 2 At Large	Brad Gillmore
Region 3 District 1	Mark Johnson
Region 3 At Large	Dr. John Jones

He noted that five of the directors had chosen to seek reelection with only Brad Gillmore declining. The Committee's recommendations to fill that position were Arlan Spilde of Wisconsin or Marty Gibbs of Texas.

The President then asked for any other nominations.

With none, it was moved by Patty Abell to cast a unanimous ballot for those directors running unopposed; seconded by Stacy Scramlin; motion passed.

President Howard then asked those members present to vote for either Arlan Spilde or Marty Gibbs to fill the director's position of Region 2, At Large.

As ballots were being counted, Finus Branham of Texas invited everyone to attend the National Sale and National Junior Show that will be held in Lubbock, Texas, next July.

It will be a great time for all those that attend.

It was announced by the President that Marty Gibbs of Texas had been elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

C.J. Robinson then announced those whom the Nominating Committee had suggested for a judge of the 2010 National Show. They were Mike Bishop, Stan Poe and Mark Johnson. Dr. Bishop thanked them for the honor, but

declined the nomination. The name of Billy Wade was suggested by the membership. With no further nominations, it was moved by L.C. Scramlin to close nominations; seconded by Patty Abell; motion passed.

As the membership was voting for a judge, Gary Kwisnek introduced the new Florence Strouse trophy that will be given for the first time tomorrow. It will be given for the ewe with best breed character. The beautiful trophy is in honor of the past Secretary of the Association.

The President then asked the membership to vote for either Stan Poe or Mark Johnson as judge of the 2010 National Show.

L.C. Scramlin noted the 2010 All-American show will be held next year at Michigan State University and invited all those to attend this great event. It will be held over the July 4th weekend.

It was announced by the President that Mark Johnson had been selected to judge the National Show next year.

Mark Johnson then proceeded to give an excellent and entertaining set of reasons on four of the Southdown market lamb sculptures. It was enjoyed by all. Also, at this time Billy MacCauley auctioned off the #1 market lamb sculpture. The sculpture was bought by Krystal Repasky.

The Executive Secretary then presented a plaque to the past year's winners of the "Spirit of the Breed" award, Kim and June Weedy. It was then announced that the winner of the award this year is Mike McElvain of Heyworth, Illinois.

With no further business to conduct, it was moved by C.J. Robinson to adjourn; seconded by Bob Fielder; motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Reorganizational Meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association

The reorganizational meeting of the Association was held immediately following the annual meeting and banquet held November 16, 2009, at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky.

It was moved by Gary Kwisnek and seconded by Lee Pettey to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last reorganizational meeting; motion passed.

It was moved by Mark Johnson to cast a unanimous ballot for the same slate of officers for the coming fiscal year, which would be Darrell Howard, president, and L.C. Scramlin as vice-president; seconded by Brian Forsee; motion carried.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.