

The informal meeting of the American Southdown

The informal meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held on November 16, 2009, in the South Wing Board Room, North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky.

Those directors in attendance were L.C. Scramlin, C.J. Robinson, Brian Forsee, Dr. John Jones, Darrell Howard, Mark Johnson, Gary Kwisnek, Patty Abell, Lee Pettey, Kyle Thayer and Barb Bishop. Also in attendance were John Nixon, Mike McElvain and Stacy Scramlin.

It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the past informal meeting and approved as submitted; seconded by Brian Forsee; motion passed.

The Executive Secretary then gave a detailed report on the income and expenses for fiscal year 2008-2009. It was noted the cash balance at the end of the fiscal year was a total of \$103,215.01.

It was moved by C.J. Robinson to accept the report as given; seconded by Dr. John Jones; motion carried.

The President then asked for committee reports to be given.

The first report was the Budget Committee, which was given by L.C. Scramlin. An estimated budget for 2009-2010 was presented to the Board at this time. It was noted that a total of three motions would also be presented with the proposed budget.

Those motions are as follows:

1. Beginning November 16, 2009, to Monday, March 15, 2010, all registrations and transfers regard less of the age of sheep on registration or date of transfer will be recorded at a reduced rate of \$5.
2. Starting with fiscal year 2009-2010, junior matching funds paid out of the ASBA office must meet the following guidelines:
 - a. Have a written request for funds.
 - b. Request must state what funds will be used for.
 - c. On completion of use of funds, report to the ASBA office how funds were used.
 - d. Funds must be used by an active state association, with the guidelines being quite simply that the state association meet at least once a year, and have elected officers with a contact file in the ASBA office.
3. In addition to the regular entry fee of \$15 per animal, payable to the North American International Livestock Exposition, a \$15 fee per entry, including pairs and flocks, must be paid directly to the ASBA office. This fee is due regardless if sheep enter the ring or not. After November 1, the fee will increase to \$25 and must be paid before entering the show ring.

It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to approve the budget as presented with the three motions as read: seconded by Gary Kwisnek; motion failed. It was moved by Lee Pettey to approve the first motion as read; seconded by Patty Abell; motion passed.

It was then moved by Patty Abell to accept the second motion as read; seconded by Lee Pettey; motion passed.

It was then moved by Gary Kwisnek to accept the third motion as presented; seconded by L.C. Scramlin; motion failed. Brian Forsee moved to charge a \$10 fee per entry, including pairs and flocks, payable to the Association for all sheep exhibited at the North American. This fee would be due October 1. After October 1, the fee would increase to \$20. This must be paid before sheep are shown. Motion seconded by Lee Pettey; motion passed.

It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to not purchase a trophy in the coming fiscal year for the best breed type ram; seconded by Patty Abell; motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Kwisnek that in 2010 all Southdown market lambs at the All-American Show, National Junior Show and North American be registered; seconded by Kyle Thayer.

Lee Pettey moved to exclude the National Junior Show in 2010; seconded by L. C. Scramlin. After discussion, both the amendment and original motion were stricken. It was then moved by Gary Kwisnek that, starting in 2010, the All-American and North American Southdown Market Lamb Show, and thereafter in 2011, the National Junior Show, all market lambs regardless of sex, either wether or ewe, must be registered by the breeder and transferred to the exhibitor; seconded by Kyle Thayer; the motion passed by a show of hands with the vote being 6-4.

It was then noted that adjustments could be made to expenses appropriated for advertising. With this in mind, it was moved by L.C. Scramlin to accept the budget as now presented; seconded by Gary Kwisnek; motion passed.

Stacy Scramlin of the Youth Committee reported on the success of this Committee for the past year. It was noted that, with sponsorships received and gifts given, there was a total of \$1,764.42 cash profit. It was also noted we have a total of nine new Ambassadors for the coming year, and an excellent group of approximately 50 youth was present for the recently held youth symposium. They will have a conference call in January to plan the upcoming year's activities.

Mike McElvain then gave a report on use of the E-mail addresses. It was moved by Mark Johnson to accept the report as given; seconded by Brian Forsee; motion passed. It was then moved by Gary Kwisnek to adapt and keep the E-mail policy exclusive to the Association; seconded by Lee Pettey. After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn. It was then moved by Barb Bishop that the previously approved motion on the E-mail addresses be approved with the deletion of the second sentence of item number 3; seconded by Gary Kwisnek; motion passed.

After a 10 minute break, the meeting continued with an update on the Policy and Procedure Committee. It was noted that Bill Jones had compiled all information of past meetings to the current time. His help in these matters was greatly appreciated.

It was then reported by C.J. Robinson of the Nominating Committee of those directors with terms expiring in 2009. They were: 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 . All directors had chosen to run for reelection with the exception of Brad Gillmore. The Committee's recommendation to fill this position was either Arlan Spilde or Marty Gibbs. C.J. Robinson moved to accept the recommendation of this Committee; seconded by L.C. Scramlin; motion carried.

C.J. Robinson then presented names for judge of the 2010 National Show. They were Mark Johnson, Evan Snyder, Greg Ahart, Stan Poe and Shawn Ramsey. The name of Dr. Mike Bishop was added from the directors present. The Board was then instructed to vote for their top three choices of judge. As the votes were being counted, the names of John Mrozinski and Kyle Thayer were suggested to be presented as possible judges of the junior show in Louisville.

It was then noted that the names of Mark Johnson, Mike Bishop and Stan Poe would be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. The Executive Secretary then gave the proxies to Kyle Thayer to be properly distributed at the annual meeting.

Kyle Thayer of the Breed Standard Committee discussed the possibility of some type of breed standard information be developed for use by the Association and its membership. After discussion, it was to be looked at to see how the website could help with such.

Kyle Thayer then moved that the Florence Strouse trophy and plaque be presented to the exhibitor of the best breed character ewe with emphasis on the head; seconded by Lee Pettey; motion passed.

Mark Johnson of the *Journal* Committee, presented the following dates for the *Journal*: The winter issue deadline will be November 27 with a date of arrival of December 26. The summer issue deadline will be May 10 with a date of arrival of June 10. The fall issue deadline will be August 21 with a date of arrival of October 1. Much has been done to reduce the cost of the *Journal*, and the support by breeders has been appreciated. It was moved by Gary Kwisnek to accept the report as given; seconded by C.J. Robinson; motion carried.

Dr. John Jones of the Genetic Research and Development Committee reported on the progress of the hairy lamb research. He noted the progress had been painfully slow. It was noted that a possible link on chromosome number 9 had been found, but could not be verified at present. Dr. Beever still needed more blood samples of hairy lambs to continue his research.

Gary Kwisnek, in the absence of Terry Wyatt of the Commercial Ram Committee, noted that Southdown cross lambs on feed at Alliance Lamb would be harvested in about 30 days. The lambs had noted excellent rate of gain and feed efficiency. The Committee would like to continue to work on a possible carcass lamb show in Louisville.

Brian Forsee of the National Show and Stars Sale noted the National Show would be held on Tuesday this year. An excellent Stars Sale was held on the past Saturday. Mark Johnson questioned to look at possible ways to change the sale order process for future sales.

C.J. Robinson noted plans for the National Sale and National Junior Show were progressing. Jim Miller of Texas had been selected to judge the event in Texas. Dates of the show and sale are July 5, 16 and 17.

Gary Kwisnek reported on the success of the recently held 2009 National Junior Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There were over 200 head of sheep and 50 exhibitors from 13 different states. He wished to thank everyone for their support and sponsorship of the show.

Gary Kwisnek, representing the High IQ Committee, noted the concern over data received from the universities with High IQ flocks. He would hope the universities with flocks would use the High IQ logo in their ads. The Committee would be looking at the placement of a new flock in 2011.

Patty Abell of the "Ewes for Youth" Committee noted that 5 ewes were given away this year with over 20 applications. It appears from research done on past winners of ewes that 18 of the 25 have continued to register sheep and have done work with the Association.

Patty Abell, also of the Futurity Committee, congratulated Whitney Betts of Delaware for winning the ewe lamb division of the futurity, and Kacy Schniedermeier of Missouri for winning the yearling ewe division.

Barb Bishop of the Youth Development Committee noted that three scholarships in the amount of \$600 each were given this year. She sees no changes and will work on a fund raiser for the coming year.

C.J. Robinson reported that, as required by the constitution and by-laws, the number of members and registration numbers of sheep was examined. The districts and regions were proper for the directors we currently have.

Gary Kwisnek moved to amend the budget for 2009-2010 by adding \$750 to trophies and awards, as we could expect this additional amount from North American entries before the end of the fiscal year; seconded by Lee Pettey. With a show of hands the vote was 4-4 with the tie broken by the President; motion failed.

The President then asked for new business.

Mark Johnson moved to designate the 2010 National Show to be held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition; seconded by Barb Bishop; motion passed.

Lee Pettey moved to designate the California State Fair as a regional show with funds of \$300 toward the show; seconded by Patty Abell; motion failed. Gary Kwisnek moved to designate the California State Fair as a regional show without the funds of \$300; seconded by Lee Pettey; motion passed.

Patty Abell moved that to participate in ASBA sponsored junior shows, exhibitors had to be 21 or under the day of show; seconded by Barb Bishop; motion failed. Gary Kwisnek moved to designate the 2011 National Sale and National Junior Show in conjunction with New England Sale and North East Youth Sheep Show held at Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Massachusetts; seconded by Kyle Thayer; motion passed.

Mark Johnson moved to accept the Mid-Atlantic Association letter to designate the Keystone International Sale as a fall regional sale; seconded by Barb Bishop; motion passed.

Gary Kwisnek moved to clarify the current policy, that junior dues must be paid in order to show at the National Junior Show, All-American Show and junior show in Louisville; seconded by Patty Abell; motion passed.

Gary Kwisnek moved that the Board direct the Executive Secretary to mail bills to all delinquent accounts and collect on those necessary; seconded by Lee Pettey; motion passed unanimously.

Mark Johnson stated he would like the website and Journal Committee look at online classified ads in the future.

With no further business the motion to adjourn was presented by Mark Johnson; seconded by Patty Abell; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.