

2009 ASBA Summer Board Minutes

The Board of Directors of the American Southdown Breeders' Association held their summer board meeting on June 24 in Sedalia, Missouri, in conjunction with the Midwest Stud Ram Sale, which is this year's National Sale. The meeting was called to order by President Darrell Howard at 9 a.m. in the Best Western motel. Those in attendance were L.C. Scramlin, C.J. Robinson, Lee Pettey, Brad Gillmore, Sheila Sink, John Jones, Mike Bishop, Mark Johnson, Bob Fielder, Kyle Thayer, Patty Abell, Barbara Bishop, Monty Jones and Darrell Howard.

The President asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was presented by Lee Pettey to approve the minutes as previously submitted; seconded by Patty Abell; motion passed.

The Executive Secretary then gave a brief report on the financial status of the Association as of June 17. It was noted that registry work and transfers of ownership appeared to be consistent with past years.

President Howard then called for committee reports. The first committee was Youth Leadership, chaired by Monty Jones. Monty yielded the floor to Sheila Sink, a member of the Committee. Sheila wished to thank those on the Committee, especially Stacey Scramlin, for her help with the Sponsorship Program. She also reported there would be a special fun event for the junior members at the All-American show coming up next week. It was noted that one of the goals of the Ambassador program is to lead young members into being active in the American Junior Southdown Association. Monty Jones then moved, after further discussion of the Ambassador program, to abolish the current rules of the Ambassador program and present a new set of rules at Louisville. The motion was seconded by Kyle Thayer. After discussion, this motion passed.

John Jones, National Ambassador, was given the floor and reiterated that a special program for the youth would be held at the upcoming All-American show. Barb Bishop, chairperson of the Youth Development and Education Committee, announced that the Committee will continue to present three scholarships this year at Louisville. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$600. Applications for the scholarship will be online at the Association website.

Patty Abell, chairperson of the Futurity Committee, stated that 51 ewe lambs had been nominated yesterday at the National Sale. Futurity points will begin at the All-American show next week. The futurity appears to be off to a good start, but the Committee will look into starting the futurity shows earlier in future years.

Patty Abell, also chairperson of the Ewes for Youth Committee, indicated she had reports of positive results from last year's ewes that were donated. She would like to follow up to see how the program is working on a long-term basis with past participants. Patty Abell also mentioned that no ribbons or awards were given at yesterday's show for sale order at the National Sale. Mark Johnson stated that we should look at guidelines for awards to be given at the National Sale.

The Executive Secretary, in the absence of National Junior show Chairman, Gary Kwisnek, gave a short report on the progress of this year's event. It will be the Florence Strouse National Junior Show in honor of the past Secretary of the Association. It was noted that all entries and premium payouts would go through the Association office instead of the Keystone International office. There are a large number of sponsors for this year's event, and it should prove to be an exciting time for our youth. Entry deadline for the show is August 31. Bob Fielder, chairman of the Genetic Research and Development Committee, said that Dr. John Beever thinks he has an indication of a possible genetic link for hairy lambs. Dr. Beever has had correspondence with people from seven other breeds who have had lambs with similar characteristics. It was noted that unfortunately, progress had been extremely slow in the research process. C.J. Robinson noted that the possible live test of breeding sheep that had sired or dropped lambs with these hairy lamb symptoms at Angelo State University, in San Angelo, Texas, has been deferred.

Mark Johnson, chairman of The Journal Committee, encouraged everyone to be aware of the deadline dates for the upcoming issue. There was then discussion about the timeliness of the postal service, the number of issues mailed and when issues should be mailed. President Howard thanked Mark for his dedication and hard work on this committee.

Brad Gillmore, a member of the High IQ Committee, stated that the Committee was looking into the possibility of a new High IQ flock in 2010.

C.J. Robinson of the Nomination Committee, will be looking at the number of current active members in the Association and will give a report at Louisville concerning any possible redistricting and distribution of Board members. C.J. also reported that plans for the 2010 National Junior Show in Lubbock, Texas, are progressing well.

L.C. Scramlin moved to approve \$1,500 to be used at the National Junior Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, if necessary. This could be done at the digressions of the Executive Committee; seconded by Lee Pettey. It was moved by Barb Bishop to amend the motion by removing the dollar figure from the motion; seconded by Brad Gillmore. The amendment to the motion passed and the amended main motion also passed.

Kyle Thayer reminded the Board that the ideal breed standard evaluation for best Southdown ewe and ram had not been made at this year's National Sale.

The Executive Secretary noted the difficulty of getting all duties accomplished in the office with only one computer. It was moved by C.J. Robinson to buy a new computer for the Association office; seconded by Monty Jones; motion passed

In looking at dates and times for the National Show and meetings in Louisville, it was moved by Lee Pettey to have the annual meeting and banquet on Monday evening prior to the National Show; seconded by Kyle Thayer; motion passed. It was moved by Lee Pettey to have the informal board meeting on Monday morning; seconded by Patty Abell; motion passed.

Darrell Howard then passed out photos of the market lamb sculpture currently being sculpted by Carol Herden. There was then discussion on whether a showman should be included with the sculpture or not.

With the closing of Gene Mark, it was moved by Patty Abell to designate Gene Check of Greeley, Colorado, as the official DNA testing company of the Association; seconded by Lee Pettey; motion passed.

A letter was then presented from Greg Ahart concerning the possibility of a National Sale in Reno, Nevada, in conjunction with the Nugget Sale. After discussion, no action was taken.

There was then discussion on the past policy of sharing the mailing list and the newly developed email list used for the E-Letter. Lee Pettey moved that the President form a committee to develop a policy concerning the E-Letter and the email list; seconded by Barb Bishop; motion passed. Barb Bishop then moved that for the present time, we not provide email addresses to any commercial businesses; seconded by Lee Pettey; motion passed.

Barb Bishop moved that no farm or flock identifying name or logo shall be worn by youth at the All-American, National Junior Show, North American Junior Show or ASBA funded junior shows. This would be effective after the 2009 North American show; seconded by Mark Johnson; the motion passed with 5 in favor and 4 abstaining.

At this time Lee Pettey asked the President to call an executive session. Upon returning from the executive session, Lee Pettey moved to designate a perpetual trophy at the National Show in honor of Florence Strouse for the Southdown ewe with the most outstanding breed standards. After discussion, Brad Gillmore moved to amend the motion by saying only the best-headed ewe. This amendment died for lack of a second. The original motion was then voted on and passed 7-2.

Lee Pettey then moved to designate a perpetual trophy at the National Show in honor of Gary Jennings for the Southdown ram with the best breed standards; seconded by Brad Gillmore; motion passed. Lee Pettey moved that a committee chaired by Gary Kwisnek be given a maximum of \$2,000 to develop the two trophies; seconded by Brad Gillmore; motion failed. Kyle Thayer then moved that the committee be given a maximum of \$1,500; seconded by Mark Johnson; motion passed.

With no further business to conduct, Patty Abell moved and L. C. Scramlin seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.
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