

Annual Meeting  
Of the  
American Southdown Breeders' Association

The annual meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held November 18, 2008, at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky.

President Lee Pettey called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and thanked the banquet committee of Rhonda Baer, Margaret Forsee and Bonnie Pettey for their help in making the banquet and entertainment so enjoyable.

Those in attendance then introduced themselves, with a very nice group in attendance it was noted that Southdown breeders from 25 states were present.

It was then announced that the proxy and nominating committees had been previously appointed.

The Executive Secretary then read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. It was moved by Claudette Choma to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Brian Forsee. Motion passed.

The Executive Secretary then presented a report to the membership on the registrations, transfers, top ten recorders, christened sheep and cash balance of the Association. It was noted in the report that registrations and transfers for the year were higher than the year previous. Also, the cash balance of the Association had increased from the past year. It was moved by Dale Smith to accept the report as given. Seconded by Lisa Scramlin. Motion carried.

C.J. Robinson, chairman of the proxy committee, noted that 29 proxies had been received and properly distributed.

L.C. Scramlin, of the Youth committee, stated that it had been a great year for junior activities across the country. He wished to particularly thank Sheila Sink for her help with the National Junior Show in Indiana.

Brian Forsee, chairman of the National Show and Stars Sale, welcomed everyone to Louisville and this year's National Show. He also reported that a very good "Stars" sale had been held over the weekend, with a \$898.28 average on 29 head.

Patty Abell, chairperson of the Ewes for Youth committee, informed the membership that there were 26 applicants this year from 18 states. A total of 5 ewes were given out to 5 excited youth this past weekend.

Brian Forsee, chairman of the National Junior Show, continued to stress the excellent year that our youth had. In particular, the great National Junior Show that was held in Indiana.

Barbara Bishop, chairperson of the youth development and education committee, reported that three youth had received \$600 scholarships this year. Those youth were Jessica Hopkins, Heather Meyers, and David Baer.

Patty Abell, of the futurity committee, announced that Nick Fowler was the big winner of both the ewe lamb and yearling ewe futurity this year. The outcome was very close, not being decided until the placing of the last class.

Trace Repasky, chairperson of the Ambassador committee, thanked all those that brought baskets for the silent auction this year. In all total, there were 22 baskets brought this year. Also a raffle was being held with jewelry representing the twelve days of Christmas. The conclusion of the basket auction and raffle would be tomorrow.

Also, introduced at this time was John Jones, of Wisconsin, the National Ambassador this year. He was commended for a very successful youth symposium.

Brian Bolt of Clemson University gave a report on the successful second breeding season of the High IQ III flock. The students had exhibited at the South Carolina State Fair and construction was progressing on a new facility for the flock.

Gary Kwisnek reminded all present of the National Junior Show to be held October 3-4<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania next year at the Keystone International. It will be a great time for all that attend with many awards and a busy weekend planned.

Under New business, C.J. Robinson, of the nomination committee presented the names of those directors up for reelection. They were:

Region 1, District 1	Patty Abell
Region 1, District 3	Monty Jones
Region 3, District 2	L.C. Scramlin
Region 4, District 1	Gary Kwisnek
Region 4, District 2	Kyle Thayer

Patty Abell moved to accept this slate of directors by acclamation. Seconded by Dave Barker. Motion carried.

C.J. Robinson then presented three names of suggested judges for the 2009 National Show. They were in no particular order, Debra Hopkins, Dan Spilde, and Craig Beckmeier. The name of Billy Wade was suggested from the membership.

The membership was then instructed to vote for the judge of their choice.

As votes were being counted, Finus Branham, of Texas, invited everyone to attend the 2010 National Junior Show that will be held in Lubbock, Texas on the campus of Texas Tech University.

President Pettey reminded everyone the 2009 National Sale will be next June in conjunction with the Midwest Stud Ram Sale.

Darrell Howard stated that Carol Herden was working on the market lamb sculpture and encouraged everyone to go by Carol's booth at the North American trade show and look at the rough draft.

Barbara Bishop introduced the new Southdown label brochure and encourage those that sell Southdown lamb to include with their orders.

The membership was then asked to vote for either Craig Beckmeier, or Debra Hopkins.

Kaye Weaber, Journal editor, reminded those of the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the Journal and noted her new 800 number for those that wish to contact her.

It was then announced that Craig Beckmeier was the first choice for 2009 National Show judge.

At this time, Gary Kwisnek, the first recipient of the "Spirit of the Breed" award came forward and announced the winner this year. The winner of the 2009 "Spirit of the Breed" award was Kim and June Weedy of Frederick, Maryland.

Gary Kwisnek then presented Lee Pettey with the outgoing award for his hard work as President of the Association the past two years.

With no further business, it was moved by Steve Wickersham and seconded by Lisa Hayward to adjourn. Motion passed.