

INFORMAL MEETING  
OF THE  
AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The informal meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was called to order by President Lee Pettey, at 8:00 a.m. in the South Wing of the North American International Livestock Exposition, November 18, 2008.

Those directors present were: John Jones, Monty Jones, Patty Abell, Brian Forsee, C.J. Robinson, Darrell Howard, Barbara Bishop, Lee Pettey, Kyle Thayer, Gary Kwisnek, Jeff Repasky, and L.C. Scramlin.

The Executive Secretary read the minutes of the last informal meeting. It was moved by Brian Forsee to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Kyle Thayer. Motion passed.

The Executive Secretary then presented the financial status of the Association for the past fiscal year. It was moved by Gary Kwisnek to accept the report as presented to the Board. Seconded by Patty Abell. Motion passed.

The President then called for committee reports.

Darrell Howard, chairman of the budget committee gave a preliminary report on the budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009. It was his recommendations to have the following:

1. Look for other ways to generate funds
2. Have a social event in Sedalia along with the National Sale
3. Have a better way to collect matching funds at the North American
4. Audit – should we do one?

Gary Kwisnek moved to have the President and Executive Secretary organize a brunch or breakfast during the National Sale in Sedalia, Missouri. Seconded by Brian Forsee. Motion carried.

Brian Forsee moved that the Association conduct a “church” audit, to be performed by C.J. Robinson. Seconded by John Jones. Motion passed.

Brian Forsee moved to leave the policy in place concerning the North American matching funds. This motion was seconded by Kyle Thayer. Motion passed.

Brian Forsee moved to raise the fees to \$25.00 for the entry books that the Association sells. Seconded by Jeff Repasky. Motion carried.

Gary Kwisnek moved that the Executive Secretary attend the National Junior Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the National Sale in Sedalia, Missouri, and the National Show in Louisville, Kentucky. Seconded by Barbara Bishop. Motion failed by a 4-7 vote.

Darrell Howard moved the Executive Secretary attend the National Sale in Sedalia, Missouri, the All-American Show in Ohio, the National Show in Louisville, Kentucky and the National Junior Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, if the latter is no cost to the Association. Seconded by Patty Abell.

L.C. Scramlin moved to amend the main motion to include payment by the Association of the trip to the National Junior Show. Seconded by Barbara Bishop. Amendment to the motion passed. The amended main motion then passed.

Patty Abell moved to table the budget at this time. Seconded by Jeff Repasky. Motion carried.

L.C. Scramlin, chairman of the youth committee, reported that a good show was held at the All-American show, and an excellent National Junior Show was held in Richmond, Indiana. He noted that some very nice awards were given during the junior show here at the North American.

Patty Abell, chairperson of the ewes for youth, stated that five wonderful youth received ewes donated by five different breeders. There were 25 applicants received this year. She already has two ewes donated for next years program.

Brian Forsee moved to contact previous ewes for youth winners and compile information on their donated ewe. Seconded by C.J. Robinson. Motion passed.

Barbara Bishop, chairperson of the youth and education fund, reported that applications for scholarships doubled this year. A total of three scholarships in the amount of \$600 each were given this year.

Brian Forsee, chairman of the Stars Sale and National Show, noted that we had a very good sale this year, especially considering the challenging economic times. The average was \$898.23 on 29 head sold.

Concerning the National Show, he encouraged exhibitors to note on their entries that they would like to pen with other Southdown breeders.

Brian Forsee, chairman of the National Junior Show, noted that most expenses had been paid for the show in Richmond, but would be paying for the cost of the show judge.

Gary Kwisnek moved to commend the Indiana Southdown Breeders' Association for hosting a wonderful show. Seconded by Darrell Howard. Motion passed unanimously.

Patty Abell, moved to use the junior show in Louisville as a tie breaker and the National Junior Show as a second tie breaker, in the case of a tie on the final tabulation on either of the futurities. Seconded by Kyle Thayer. Motion passed.

Gary Kwisnek moved to change the amount designated for the yearling ewe futurity to \$250 along with the entries received, and be given to the top three in the final placings. Seconded by Barbara Bishop.

Barbara Bishop moved to amend the motion to the top five placings. Seconded by Kyle Thayer. Amendment passed.

Amended main motion passed.

C.J. Robinson, chairman of the nomination committee, reported that all directors with terms expiring have agreed to serve another term. Those directors include:

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

It was moved by Patty Abell to accept this slate of nominees. Seconded by Brian Forsee. Motion passed.

C.J. Robinson then presented four names for possible judges of the 2009 National Show in Louisville. Those names are Debbie Hopkins, Jim Miller, Craig Beckmeier, and Dan Spilde. The Board was then asked to vote for three names of judges to present to the membership for consideration. After voting, the names to present were Debbie Hopkins, Craig Beckmeier, and Dan Spilde.

Gary Kwisnek, reported on the commercial ram committee and their suggestions. It was discussed about having a carcass show at the North American. The committee would need to look at the cost of a possible carcass show in the future.

Gary Kwisnek, chairman of the High IQ committee noted that Clemson had shown this year at the South Carolina State Fair. Also the flock was doing well and a new home for the flock was being built.

Darrell Howard informed the Board that Carol Herden was working on the final of the sculpture series, a market lamb. The rough draft was in Carol's booth here at Louisville and everyone was encouraged to look at the rough draft. The final product should be available later in the year.

It was noted that an excellent set of Ambassadors were functioning this year. There was much appreciation for all those that brought baskets for the silent auction in Louisville, however, any possible corporate sponsors should be explored.

Barbara Bishop, chairperson of the education, promotion, marketing, and communication committee, presented a very nice brochure printed on a trial run to promote Southdown lamb.

John Jones, chairman of the research and development committee, noted that as of the spring of 2008 that 13 hairy lambs had been reported from 10 flocks. Sampled had been sent from 6 flocks, including blood from 4 lambs. In December Dr. Beever hopes to receive materials to begin SNP testing on the blood samples.

The Journal committee report was then discussed as submitted by chairman, Mark Johnson.

It was moved by Patty Abell to authorize the expenditure of \$510 to get the Southdown Journal switched from bulk rate presorted standard mailing to periodical rate. Seconded by C.J. Robinson. Motion passed.

It was moved by C.J. Robinson to have a preliminary financial analysis made of each issue of the Journal comparing revenue to the cost of production. Any adjustment could and should be made at this time to get the cost in line with revenue. Any material not used in the Journal could be added to the web page for better utilization of the web page. Seconded by Gary Kwisnek. Motion passed.

The website committee report was then discussed as submitted by chairman, Mark Johnson. It was moved by Barb Bishop to charge a fee of \$25.00 for breeders to link to the Association website. Seconded by Kyle Thayer. Motion passed.

Gary Kwisnek moved that a total amount of \$300.00 be spent on printing the new Southdown lamb brochure. Seconded by Brian Forsee. Motion passed.

It was then moved by Patty Abell and seconded by Kyle Thayer to bring back the budget to the table. Motion carried.

The changes to the updated budget were then discussed and it was moved by C.J. Robinson to approve the updated budget. Seconded by Patty Abell. Motion passed.

President Pettey then called for any new business.

After a short presentation by C.J. Robinson and Finus Branham, it was moved by Gary Kwisnek to designate the 2010 National Junior Show and National Sale in Lubbock, Texas. The event would be sponsored by the Texas Southdown Sheep Association. Seconded by L.C. Scramlin. Motion carried.

Patty Abell moved to designate and fund the following regional shows in 2009. The California State Fair, the "Big E" show in conjunction with the Eastern States Exposition, and the open show of the Keystone International. Seconded by L.C. Scramlin. Motion passed.

Barbara Bishop moved to change rule #1925 in the Policy and Procedure book to read "At the National Junior Show and NAILE Junior Show when two people show one animal, the registered owner of the animal must be in control of the head at all times. The youth assisting in the ring must be within the age requirements posted by the National Junior Southdown Association. Gary Kwisnek seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 7 for and 3 against, with 2 abstaining.

Barbara Bishop moved that at the National Junior Show and the NAILE Junior Show, no visible farm or flock identification name or logo shall be worn by the exhibitor while showing an animal in the ring. Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before entering the ring. Motion died for lack of a second.

Barbara Bishop moved that at any ASBA sponsored event that a formal protest must be made in writing. Seconded by Monty Jones. Motion passed.

Barbara Bishop moved that at any show or sale which the ASBA endorses or conducts, no exhibitor or individual assisting exhibitors or member owners at such show shall be allowed to use any coloring agents on any animal exhibited. The ASBA and/or its designated representative adopt and implement various testing procedures designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a "white towel" test. All premiums or awards shall be forfeited that were won by individual animals in violation. A second was given by Gary Kwisnek. Motion passed.

Gary Kwisnek reported on the upcoming National Junior Show for 2009 that will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There will be many nice awards, including a pewter belt bucket for each participant. Dr. Mike Bishop of Wisconsin will be the youth show judge. It will be a packed weekend full of fun activities.

At this time the Board went into executive session.

When the Executive secretary returned, it was moved by Darrell Howard and seconded by Brian Forsee to accept the three year contract for the Executive secretary as presented. Motion passed.

There was then further discussion on an earlier motion concerning youth showmanship rules. Darrell Howard moved that the rule change be only for ram lambs. Seconded by Barb Bishop. After further discussion, the motion was withdraw.

With no further business to conduct, it was moved by Kyle Thayer to adjourn and seconded by Jeff Repasky. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Addendum: A unanimous decision was made by the executive committee to designate the 2009 North American as the National Show. Also, a request would be made to the North American advisory committee for 3 yearling ewe classes in the junior show.