

The Southdown Experience is Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Woodford County Fair Grounds, Eureka, IL.

1. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the show will begin at 9:00 a.m. We will be rotating through the classes with the Suffolks. There will be no Dorsets this year.

Entry fees are \$3 per class for IL Southdown Breeders Assn. members. \$5 for non-members. Annual memberships (\$20) may be paid upon registration.

Classes are Yearling Ewes, Fall Ewe Lambs, Spring Ewe Lambs, Pair of Ewe Lambs, Fall Ram Lambs, Spring Ram Lambs, Pair of Ram Lambs, Wethers, Pair of Wethers. Classes will be split depending on number of entries. There will be showmanship classes as well that will include Suffolk exhibitors.

Equipment prizes will be given to class winners, champions and reserve champions. Every exhibitor will receive some "goodies"!

The presentation of a ewe lamb to the Essay Contest winner will be during the Southdown Ewe Show. This year's winner is Emily Morgan from Waterloo, IL. Please read more information about her in point 2.

` In between the ewe and ram show there will be a practice Superior Young Producer's Contest. This will be a wonderful time for exhibitors/Jr. breeders to practice for the contest which is held down at the IL State Fair every year. Five \$1,000 scholarships are given away each year to Jr. Sheep exhibitors who score the highest on the contest.

There will be a Jr. Southdown meeting after the show. Pizza and soda will be served. All family members are welcome.

A special thank you to Mike McElvain for serving as the Southdown's representative on the planning committee of the show!

Questions can be directed to Mike McElvain at 309/830-3340 or mcelvain@gte.net or to Rhonda Baer at 309/275-8451 or brbaer@verizon.net.

2. Emily Morgan is the 2009 IL Southdown Breeders Lamb Essay Contest Winner!

Emily, 12 years old, is from Waterloo, IL and is a member of the Patriots 4-H Club. She and her family have just moved to the country where she can have a lamb. Her essay was well written and it was obvious that she had done a lot of research. She was chosen from 22 applicants this year. Her essay will be included in a later newsletter. She will receive her ewe lamb at the Southdown Experience on June 13th. The lamb is being donated this year by MillerDowns. Congratulations, Emily!

3. New this year. . . . Online IL Southdown Bred Ewe Sale!

IL Southdown Breeders Association will be hosting an online bred ewe sale this year on October 19 & 20, 2009. Entries are open to anyone who is a current paid member of the IL Southdown Breeders Association. Further details will be sent out in the near future. If you are interested in consigning or have questions you may contact Jim Davis at jbdavis@maxwire.net or 815/228-5967.

4. Sponsorships of the IL Southdown Experience Welcome!

Every year the IL Southdown Experience prizes, goodies, and pizza party are donated by sponsors. Sponsors in the past have included: Mark & Amy Johnson of A&M Ranch, Ken & Dawn Johnson, Mike & Shirley McElvain of McElvain Sheep Farm, Jami Bowman, Betsy Meisenheimer & Gale Cole of Cole/Meisenheimer Southdowns, Lenny Whitaker of L&W Livestock, Jim & Bonnie Davis of Davis Family Southdowns, and Mike Miller & Rhonda Baer of MillerDowns. We welcome anyone who would like to contribute towards The Experience and join the sponsor list. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact: Rhonda Baer at brbaer@verizon.net or 309/275-8451.

5. Annual Memberships are Due. \$20/family.

Annual Memberships are due and payable to IL Southdown Breeders Association, c/o Rhonda Baer, Treasurer, PO Box 347, Carlock, IL 61725. Annual memberships may be paid at the IL Southdown Experience.

Annual Membership allows Jr. members of family to receive special awards at the IL State Fair Jr. Show. A paid membership also allows you to vote at the Annual IL Southdown Assn. meeting held every year following the Open Southdown Show at the IL State Fair. Dues sponsor Jr. activities, awards and association events.

6. IL State Fair Dates:

Friday, August 14, 8:00 a.m. – IL State Fair Jr. Wether Show

Sunday, August 16, 8:00 a.m. – IL State Fair Jr. Breeding Sheep Show

Thursday, August 20, 8:00 a.m. – IL State Fair Open Southdown Show

For more information, rules & regulations, premium books and entry forms, go to <http://www.agr.state.il.us/isf/premium/>

The annual meeting of the Illinois Southdown Association was held on August 14, 2008 following the Illinois State Fair Southdown Open Show. Families represented at the meeting included: Lanny Bowman's, Baer's, Cole's, Hamerlink's, McElvain's, Marshall's, Davis', Geerts', Whitiker's, Hoffman's, Moran's, Meisenheimer's, Jami Bowman's, Johnson's and Kasey's.

President Mark Johnson called the meeting to order with the request of singing Happy Birthday to Mike McElvain and Marty Moran.

Treasurer Rhonda Baer discussed the treasurer's report. Special notes were made that there were no queen expenses this year because the association failed to purchase a tiara and sash. In return, the association asked Katie Fasse to return to be our 08-09 Southdown queen. Jerry Hoffman accepted the treasures report and Nels Kasey seconded.

Secretary Jami Bowman submitted a secretary's report from the 2007 annual meeting to the membership. Amy Moran moved to accept the report and Nels Kasey seconded.

Next on the agenda was the Essay Contest in which an ISBA member donates a ewe lamb to an essay winner who doesn't presently own Southdowns. Mike McElvain donated a lamb this year to essay winner John Nevill from Maroa, IL who accepted his lamb at the Southdown Experience. There were 3 entries for the 2008 contest. McElvain moved to continue the Essay Contest and Lenny Whitaker volunteered to donate the lamb in 2009. Betsy Meisenheimer volunteered to send promotional and advertisement materials out about the essay contest again this year.

Rhonda Baer then reported on the 2008 Southdown Experience which took place at Eureka, IL in June. Kelsey Bowman exhibited the champion ram and reserve champion went to Reed Baer. Capturing champion ewe was Emily Johnson and reserve champion went to Kelsey Bowman. Mike McElvain reported that the quality of Southdowns was good compared to other breeds. Southdown juniors brought in 36 head of sheep which was the largest breed present. Rhonda Baer commented that a number of regulars have donated money the past few years and that if any one else would like to get involved it would be greatly appreciated. This year the Mark Johnson, Ken Johnson & Lenny Whitaker families donated t-shirts, the Cole/Meisenheimer families donated pizza, the Rhonda Baer & Mike McElvain families donated prizes and the Jim Davis family donated cash to offset costs. It was noted that these donating families were responsible for submitting their donation and later treasurer Baer split the cost evenly. President Mark Johnson made note to the membership to encourage their young buyers to participate in the Experience in order to continue its reputation and success.

Congratulations were then given to the Illinois State Fair Jr. exhibitors on a great 2008 junior show. Champion ram was awarded to Emily Johnson and reserve went to Kelsey Bowman. Champion ewe was shown by David Baer and reserve show by Kelsey Bowman. Champion Jr. wether went to Reed Baer and reserve to Ketra Hoffman. Jr. Southdown breeders winning their respective showmanship class included Cody Hammer and Misty Williams. Other highlights from the jr. show included that Austin Baer, Emily Johnson and David Baer, all

Southdown breeders, won three of the five Superior Young Producers Scholarships. It was also made mention that Kelsey Bowman is a new Southdown Ambassador.

Mark Smith judged the 2008 Illinois State Fair. Champion ram was shown by Cole/Meisenheimer Southdowns while the Jamie Rinker family won reserve champion ram and ewe along with champion ewe.

In other news, President Johnson announced that there is Southdown Scholarship information on the ASBA website and information about the Ewes for Youth.

2008 – 2009 officers were then elected. President: Jim David; Vice-President: Mary Moran; Secretary: Jami Meisenheimer-Bowman; Treasurer: Rhonda Baer.

Judge nominations and the order in which they will be submitted for consideration for the 2009 Illinois State Fair were: Brad Angus, Brad Gilmore and Brian Moore.

In other business Jim Davis suggested Illinois breeders submit another ad in the ASBA journal to represent breeders in Illinois. Members willing to participate were asked to let Rhonda Baer know if they would like to participate and she volunteered to put the ad together.

After giving thanks for support from the ISBA during his presidency reign, Mark Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Illinois Southdown Breeders Association

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The 5 2008 Superior Young Sheep Producer Scholarship Winners are pictured with U of I Extension Sheep Specialist, Richard Cobb and Sheep Superintendent, Ed Whitcomb. L. to R.: Cobb, David Baer, Emily Johnson, Cole Hall, Justin Schaal, Austin Baer & Whitcomb.

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Illinois State Fair Results

OPEN SOUTHDOWN SHOW

Judge: Mark Smith, Crawfordsville, IN

Yearling Rams: 1) Cole/Meisenheimer Southdowns, Palmyra, IL; 2) Kelsey & Kody Bowman, Blandinsville, IL; 3) Katie Mullvain, St. Joseph, IL; 4) Jamie & Sarina Rincker, St. Johns, MI; 5) Jim Davis Family, Odell, IL.

Sr. Ram Lambs: 1) Rincker; 2) Bowman; 3) Cole/Meisenheimer; 4 & 5) MillerDowns, Carlock, IL.

Early Jr. Ram Lambs: 1 & 5) MillerDowns; 2) Bowman; 3) Rincker; 4) Cole/Meisenheimer.

Late Jr. Ram Lambs: 1) Bowman; 2) MillerDowns; 3) Davis; 4) Kodi Hammer, Kewanee, IL; 5) Cole/Meisenheimer.

Pr. of Ram Lambs: 1) MillerDowns; 2) Bowman; 3) Rincker; 4) Cole/Meisenheimer; 5) Hammer.

Champion & Champion LOL Ram: Yearling Ram, Cole/Meisenheimer Southdowns, Palmyra, IL

Reserve Champion Ram: Sr. Ram Lamb, Jamie & Sarina Rincker, St. Johns, MI

Reserve Champion Land of Lincoln Ram: Late Jr. Ram Lamb, Kelsey Bowman, Blandinsville, IL

Yearling Ewes, Class I: 1) MillerDowns; 2) Cole/Meisenheimer; 3) Rincker; 4) Moran Southdowns, Newton, IL; 5) Davis.

Yearling Ewes, Class II: 1) Moran; 2) MillerDowns; 3) Cole/Meisenheimer; 4) Bowman; 5) Rincker.

Pr. of Yearling Ewes: 1) MillerDowns; 2) Cole/Meisenheimer; 3) Rincker; 4) Moran; 5) Bowman.

Sr. Ewe Lambs: 1 & 3) Rincker; 2) Zara Kasey, Ashmore, IL; 4) Davis; 5) Bowman.

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Pr. of Ewe Lambs: 1) Rincker; 2) Cole/Meisenheimer; 3) MillerDowns; 4) Bowman; 5) Davis.

Champion Ewe: Sr. Ewe Lamb, Jamie & Sarina Rincker, St. Johns, MI

Reserve Champion Ewe: Late Jr. Ewe Lamb, Jamie & Sarina Rincker, St. Johns, MI

Champion Land of Lincoln Ewe: Yearling Ewe, Class II, Moran Southdowns, Newton, IL

Reserve Champion Land of Lincoln Ewe: Yearling Ewe, Class II, MillerDowns, Carlock, IL

Young Flock: 1) Rincker; 2) Cole/Meisenheimer; 3) MillerDowns; 4) Bowman; 5) Moran.

Premiere Exhibitor: Jamie & Sarina Rincker, St. Johns, MI

OPEN SOUTHDOWN WETHER SHOW

Judge: Kyle Smithwick

Lightweight: 1) Ketra Hoffman, Mackinaw, IL; 2 & 3) Gina Silvius, Milledgeville, IL; 4) Payton Bieber, Clinton, IL; 5) Katie Fasse, Minier, IL.

Heavyweight: 1) David Baer, Carlock, IL; 2) Reed Baer, Carlock, IL; 3) Hoffman; 4) Fasse; 5) Kyle Kolka, Sandwich, IL.

Champion Southdown Wether: Lightweight, Ketra Hoffman, Mackinaw, IL

Reserve Champion Southdown Wether: Heavyweight, David Baer, Carlock, IL

JR. SOUTHDOWN SHOW

Judge: John Mrozinski

Yearling Ewe: 1 & 10) David Baer, Carlock, IL; 2) Kody Bowman, Blandinsville, IL; 3) Austin Baer, Carlock, IL; 4 & 14) Emily Johnson, Sandwich, IL; 5) Misti Williams, Ridott, IL; 6 & 15) Ketra Hoffman, Mackinaw, IL; 7) Reed Baer, Carlock, IL; 8) Buddy Falcon, Mendota, IL; 9) Jared Becker, Carlock, IL; 11) Amy Davis, Odell, IL; 12) Kelsey Bowman, Blandinsville, IL; 13) Kodi Hammer, Kewanee, IL; 16) Tyler Becker, Carlock, IL; 17 & 19) Lisa Rae French, Oblong, IL; 18) Katie Fasse, Minier, IL; 20) Jesse Hamerlinck, Reynolds, IL; 21) Lori Woods, Baylis, IL; 22 & 23) Hannah Lamb, Lawrenceville, IL.

Sr. Ewe Lambs: 1) Kody Bowman; 2) Zara Kasey, Ashmore, IL; 3) Kelsey Bowman; 4) Amy Davis; 5) Misti Williams; 6 & 8) Tyler Becker; 7) David Baer; 9) Sullivan Finlay, Quincy, IL; 10) Lori Woods.

Early Jr. Ewe Lambs: 1) Kelsey Bowman; 2) Emily Johnson; 3 & 15) Katie Fasse; 4) Amy Davis; 5 & 11) Kodi Hammer; 6) Jared Becker; 7) Kody Bowman; 8) Tyler Becker; 9 & 10) Austin Baer; 12) Misti Williams; 13) Jesse Hamerlinck; 14) Sullivan Finlay; 16) Lisa Rae French; 17) Lori Woods; 18) Katie Brown, Rossville, IL; 19) Hannah Lamb.

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2008 Southdown Experience Show Results

Sr. Ram Lamb: 1) Paige Fowler, Minier;

Jr. Ram Lamb, Class I: 1)

Reed Baer, Carlock; 2) Kody Bowman, Blandinsville; 3) Karl Fasse,

Minier; 4) Tyler Becker, Carlock, 5) Noah Hamerlinck, Reynolds.

Jr. Ram Lamb, Class II: 1) Kelsey Bowman, Blandinsville; 2) Reed Baer; 3) Jared Becker, Carlock.

Champion Ram: Reed Baer, - Class I Jr. Ram Lamb

Reserve Champion Ram: Kelsey Bowman - Class II Jr. Ram Lamb

Yearling Ewe, Class I: 1) Kody Bowman; 2) Emily Johnson, Sandwich; 3) Reed Baer; 4) Katie Fasse, Minier; 5) Paige Fowler; 6) Justin Kull, Washburn.

Yearling Ewe, Class II: 1) Emily Johnson; 2) Kelsey Bowman; 3) Tyler Becker; 4) Leon Peters, Heyworth; 5) Jarred Kull, Washburn; 6) Karl Fasse.

Sr. Ewe Lambs: 1) Jared Becker; 2) Tyler Becker; 3) Kelsey Bowman.

Jr. Ewe Lambs, Class I: 1) Justin Kull, 2) Karl Fasse, 3) Noah Hamerlinck.

Jr. Ewe Lambs, Class II: 1) Katie Fasse, 2) Reed Baer, 3) Jared Becker; 4) Jessie Becker, Carlock; 5) Karl Fasse.

Pair of Ewe Lambs: 1) Jared & Jessie Becker; 2) Katie & Karl Fasse.

Champion Ewe: Emily Johnson - Class II Yearling Ewe

Reserve Champion Ewe: Kelsey Bowman - Class II Yearling Ewe Yearling Ewe

Market Lambs, Class I: 1) Gina Silvius, Milledgeville; 2) Kyle Kolka, Sandwich; 3) Tyler Becker; 4) Katie Fasse.

Market Lambs, Class II: 1) Gina Silvius; 2) Jessie Becker; 3) Karl Fasse; 4) Luke Graf, Normal.

Pair of Market Lambs: 1) Gina Silvius; 2) Jessie & Tyler Becker; 3) Katie & Karl Fasse.

Champion Market Lamb: Gina Silvius
Reserve Champion Market Lamb: Gina Silvius

Jr. Showmanship (8 & under): Luke Graf

Int. Showmanship (9-14): Reed Baer
Sr. Showmanship (over 14): Emily Johnson



Pictured at left: Mike McElvain is pictured with 2008 Southdown Essay Contest winner, John Nevill of Maroa, IL. McElvain Sheep Farm donated the spring ewe lamb.

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2008 ISBA Paid Membership

	Membership Name	City	State
1	Bradley Baer Family	Carlock	IL
2	Steve Becker Family	Carlock	IL
3	Bob Bieber Family	Clinton	IL
4	Jami Bowman	Palmyra	IL
5	Lanny Bowman Family	Blandinsville	IL
6	Jim Davis Family	Odell	IL
7	Mark Fasse Family	Minier	IL
8	Sullivan Finlay	Quincy	IL
9	Lisa Rae French	Oblong	IL
10	Jeremy Geerts	Morrison	IL
11	Steve Hamerlinck Family	Reynolds	IL
12	Kodi Hammer	Kewanee	IL
13	Bryan Hoffman Family	Mackinaw	IL
14	Mark Johnson Family	Sandwich	IL
15	Zara Kasey	Ashmore	IL
16	Justin & Jared Kull	Washburn	IL
17	Mike McElvain Family	Heyworth	IL
18	Meisenheimer Family	Palmyra	IL
19	Amy Moran	Newton	IL
20	Jeremiah Robinson	West Union	IL
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2008 Income and Expense Report

Beginning Account Balance – August 14, 2007 \$ 1,490.73

INCOME

Donations Received	\$ 2.00
Grants Received:	
ASBA Matching Funds	150.00
IL Southdown Jr. Experience Income	
2008 Entry Fees	146.00
2008 Donations Received for Prizes, etc.	223.66
Membership Dues:	
2007 Membership Dues	100.00
2008 Membership Dues	360.00
Total Income	\$ 981.66

EXPENSES

Donations Given:	
IL Club Lamb Association	\$ 100.00
Queen Expenses:	
B&B Awards – 2008 Sash & Tiara	0.00
Land of Lincoln Dues:	
2007 Dues (22 Members)	44.00
Postage	33.60
Advertising	
Journal Ad (125 th Anniversary Celebration)	76.50
IL Southdown Jr. Experience:	
Woodford Co. Farm Bureau – 2008 Rent	50.00
Kevin Young – 2008 Judge Fees	50.00
Prize/T-Shirt/Pizza Expenses	223.66
ISF Jr. Show Awards:	
Mid-States Wool Growers – 2008 Jr. Show GCs	420.00
2007 Regional Show Expense:	
Pinpoint Monograms – Chairs	581.50
Total Expenses	\$ 1,579.26

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE – August 14, 2008 \$ 893.13

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR
August 8-10, 2008

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor of Illinois

SHEEP

OPEN CLASS

LAND OF LINCOLN BREEDERS AWARD

Ed Whitcomb, Greenview, IL
Superintendent

Southdown

Thursday, August 14th 8:00 a.m.

Judge- Mark Smith

EXHIBITORS

1	KELSEY BOWMAN	19590 E 550TH ST, BLANDINSVILLE, IL 61420
2	JIM DAVIS FAMILY	24001 N 1900 E RD, ODELL, IL 60460
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7	MORAN SOUTHDOWNS	7544 E 400TH AVE, NEWTON, IL 62448
8	BRYCE BASTING	20645 N 825 E ROAD, CARLOCK, IL 61725
9	MIKE & SHIRLEY MCELVAIN / MCELVAIN SHEEP FARM	16514 E 325 N, HEYWORTH, IL 61745
10	KODI HAMMER	3697 MIDLAND ROAD, KEWANEE, IL 61443
11	KATIE MULLVAIN / C/O ROGER FLYNN	2142 CR 1950 N, ST JOSEPH, IL 61873
12	MARSHALL SHEEP FARM	1824 KNOLL DR, MONTICELLO, IL 61856
13	LENNY WHITAKER / L&W LIVESTOCK	BOX 372, MINIER, IL 61759

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Pd. 8/9	3	Bob Bieber Family	RR 4, Box 256	Clinton	IL	61727	217/937-0114	
	4	Jami Bowman	30777 Four Corners Road	Palmyra	IL	62674		
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	6	Gale Cole Family	1683 Oak Road	Palmyra	IL	62674-6645		
Pd. 5/22	7	Jim Davis Family	24001 N. 1900 East Road	Odell	IL	60460-8139	815/998-2359	jbdavis@maxwire.net
Pd. 6/7	8	Mark Fasse Family	PO Box 505	Minier	IL	61759		rfdinc@dtinspeed.net
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	11	Jeremy Geerts	14287 Covell Road	Morrison	IL	61270		
Pd. 6/7	12	Steve Hamerlinck Family	17811 119th Street	Reynolds	IL	61279	309/372-8326	jhamerlinck65@hotmail.com
Pd. 8/9	13	Kodi Hammer	3044 E. 2450 Street	Kewanee	IL	61443		
Pd. 6/7	14	Bryan Hoffman Family	3 King Richard Drive	Mackinaw	IL	61755-9789	309/359-8335	
Pd. 6/7	15	Mark Johnson Family	2702 N. 45th Road	Sandwich	IL	60548-9115		
Pd. 8/9	16	Zara Kasey	501 W. Buckeye	Ashmore	IL	61912		
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	23	Misti Williams	5604 US 20 East	Ridott	IL	61067-9611		
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The Illinois Southdown Experience will be held on June 7, 2008 at the Woodford County Fairgrounds in Eureka, Illinois. Check-in will start at 7:30 a.m. and the show will begin at 9 a.m. Classes will rotate with the two other breeds participating, Suffolk and Dorset's. This is the eighth year for the Southdown event.

The Southdown Experience is designed for youth with an interest in Southdown sheep. The Experience will be as enjoyable for the new exhibitor as well as the experienced junior exhibitor. Raising Southdowns is more than a show ring experience and this weekend will reward both juniors with excellent Southdowns and those who share Southdown enthusiasm.

Also, at that event the winner of the Southdown Ewe Lamb essay contest will receive the ewe lamb, this year donated by McElvain Sheep Farm.

At the meeting following the show the 2008 Illinois Southdown Queen will be selected.

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The annual meeting of the Illinois Southdown Association was held at the Illinois State Fair grounds on August 14, 2007 following the Mid-West Regional Show judged by Mark Smith. The Illinois Southdown members hosted a Root Beer float Ice-cream social in honor of the regional show and to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the breed.

Families present at the meeting included: the Miller's, the Bowman's, the Coles, the Meisenheimer's, the Baer's, the Geerts', the Moran, the Davis', the Whitiker's and the McElvain's families. President Mark Johnson was absent due to a judging obligation.

Secretary Rhonda Baer went through the treasurer report.

The next topic of discussion was for 2008 judges. Mark Smith was voted first choice, Jeff Repasky second and Gary Saylor third.

Betsy Meisenheimer then reported on the ewe lamb essay contest. Two entries were received and the Cole/Meisenheimer family donated a lamb to each participant. Mike McElvain volunteered to donate the 2008 ewe lamb.

2007-2008 officers were then voted on. Lenny Whitiker moved to keep the same officers and all members seconded. President: Mark Johnson; Vice-President: Bryce Hoffman; Secretary: Jami Bowman; Treasurer: Rhonda Baer.

Gale Cole moved to adjourn the meeting and Jim Davis seconded.