

American Oxford Sheep Association

Annual Meeting

June 19, 2015 / Springfield, IL

Laura Meyer, President of the American Oxford Sheep Association (AOSA), welcomed the crowd of approximately 75 people as she called the Annual Meeting of the AOSA to order. Lisa Mott gave the invocation before the meal.

Following the meal, President Meyer introduced the officers and directors of the Association. The president also introduced guest Kenny Townsend.

Stacey Gadsby, chairperson of the National Oxford Queen Committee, thanked Elisabeth Ward of Missouri for her representation of Oxfords during the past year as the 2014/2015 National Oxford Queen. Stacey announced that there were no applications received for the 2015/2016 honor, and therefore there will not be a National Oxford Queen this year.

President Meyer and Secretary David Trotter then presented awards to the exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion rams and ewes from the show held earlier in the day:

Grand Champion Ram – Daniels Oxfords (IL) – Sr. Ram Lamb

Reserve Grand Champion Ram – Winning Ways Sheep Farm (IL) – Early Jr. Ram Lamb

Grand Champion Ewe – Ty Miller (IN) – Yearling Ewe

Reserve Grand Champion Ewe – Winning Ways Sheep Farm (IL) – January Ewe Lamb

It was announced that the Board of Directors had determined that there would not be a ram sift for this year's national sale. The Board of Directors also determined that the floor prices for the sale would be \$250 for lambs and \$300 for yearlings.

Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting and the annual financial report were presented in the Annual Meeting report booklet and were discussed by the Association's Secretary/Treasurer, David Trotter. Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by Steve Bingen, to accept both documents as prepared and presented. On voice vote, the motion was approved without objections.

David Trotter gave a brief oral report regarding Association activities and his responsibilities during the past year.

There was no "Old Business" offered for discussion.

Under "New Business", the following were offered for consideration by the Board of Directors:

*The creation and utilization of a Nominating Committee. This committee would have responsibility for submitting nominations for consideration as judges (at the National Show & Sale and at NAILE) and openings on the Board of Directors.

*Allowing mail ballots and/or proxy voting by members regarding matters of the Association including judge and director selections.

*Conducting a business meeting of the Association at the NAILE in addition to the Annual Meeting of the Association.

*The addition of a "Youth At-Large" or "Jr. Liaison" director to the Association's Board of Directors; this position to have full voting rights.

Special recognitions and awards were then presented as follows:

*Brenda Lobdell and Audrey Angus presented Jr. Association Skill-A-Thon awards to the following participants:

Junior Division—1st Colin O'Brien (IA), 2nd Chloe Decker (IN)

Senior Division—1st Danielle Houghtaling (SD), 2nd Hunter Mott (IL)

Overall High Score – Danielle Houghtaling with a 96 of a possible 100.

*2015 Oxford Foundation Flock – Justin O'Brien announced that the recipient of the award is Whitney Sullivan of Illinois. Justin thanked the following breeders for donating animals for the award flock: Tweed Croft Oxfords (IA), Dr. Jennafer and Chuck Glaesemann (NE), Abbey Allison (NY), Van Roekel Oxfords (IA), and Four Seasons Farm (IL).

*Hall of Fame – Tony Weber announced the induction of Jim and Kathy Everett (Upper Black Eddy, PA) into the American Oxford Sheep Association's Hall of Fame.

President Meyer thanked Shelley O'Brien for donating one of her original art pieces (a painting) that will be sold in the 2015 National Sale with funds being directed to the Association's expenses and assessments for the All-American Junior Sheep Show. A ewe lamb donation or another "big ticket" item is being sought for 2016.

The floor was then opened for nominations for judge for the 2016 National Oxford Show and Sale. Brenda Lobdell nominated Steve Reid (MO), Marty Van Roekel seconded the nomination. Bill Buckland nominated Mark Johnson (IL), Cliff Perzee seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Duane Grimme made a motion to close the nominations, motion was seconded by Jay Franzen and on voice vote the motion was approved with no objections. Voting for the two judge nominations was conducted by ballot and Steve Reid was selected as the first choice.

The next item of business was to elect Directors for Districts 1 and 6. The two current Directors are Frank Silva and Ed Bowman respectively; both are eligible for re-election. Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by Ryan Grimme, to nominate the two current directors, close the nominations and instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot. On voice vote, the motion was approved with no objections.

In other business, the Board of Directors announced the following actions from their meeting on the evening of June 18, 2015:

*Hats and Note Pads will be made available soon as Oxford promotional items.

*The 2016 National Oxford Show and Sale will return to Springfield, IL on June 17 & 18. The Association's Annual Meeting will be on June 17.

*The Association's current "Spider" policy will be amended regarding testing at NAILE by DNA rather than by blood and that 2 Board members will gather DNA samples rather by one Board member and a licensed veterinarian.

*NAILE Judges will be nominated at the exhibitor meeting following the Mary Blome National Oxford Show and a ballot will be sent to open show exhibitors who are current members of the Association.

*Traveling plaques will be presented to the National Futurity Winner at NAILE and to the breeder of the ewe lamb that was National Futurity Winner at the following year's National Sale.

With no other business or announcements, Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by Steve Bingen, to close the Annual Meeting and adjourn to the activities of a benefit auction (lead by Larry Derricks) of donated items for the funding of the Association's expenses with the All-American Junior Sheep Show. On voice vote, the motion was approved with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Trotter
Secretary/Treasurer