

**American Oxford Sheep Association
Annual Meeting
June 16, 2017
Springfield, IL**

Laura Meyer, President of the American Oxford Sheep Association (AOSA) welcomed the crowd of approximately 90 people as she called the Annual Meeting of the AOSA to order. Edward Bowman, AOSA Director from District 6, gave the invocation before the meal.

Following the meal, catered by Hamilton's Catering, President Meyer introduced the officers and directors of the Association. She also welcomed guests Kenny Townsend and Phil Crome (judge) and his wife Julie.

Beth Allison, chairperson of the National Oxford Queen Committee, recognized and thanked the 2016/2017 Queen, Annie Schoetmer of Indiana and she introduced Corrie McClees of Oklahoma, the 2017/2018 National Oxford Queen.

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, judged by Phil Crome of Illinois.

Grand Champion Ram – Double "O" Acres 17-010 RR NNP – Double "O" Acres of Iowa
Reserve Grand Champion Ram – A.Brockmann 1494 QR NNP – Austin Brockmann of Illinois
Grand Champion Ewe – Everett 1680 RR NNP – Everett Oxfords of Pennsylvania
Reserve Grand Champion Ewe – Winning Ways 17-19 RR NN – Winning Ways Sheep Farm of Illinois

Special awards were also presented for the Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Ram and Ewe and the Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Ram and Ewe. The breeder of the Champion 2016 Futurity Ewe Lamb was also recognized; Augusta Sandoval of Illinois with Sandoval 940; it was announced that Augusta would also be recognized the following day at the National Sale and presented with the rotational plaque as the breeder of the Champion 2016 Futurity 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 established that the floor prices for the sale would be \$250 for all lambs and \$300 for all yearlings.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting and the annual financial report were presented in the Annual Meeting report booklet and were discussed by David Trotter. Darwin Hall made a motion, seconded by Tony Weber, to accept the minutes as presented; on voice vote, the motion was approved without objections. Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by Bill Edwards, to accept the financial report as prepared and printed; on voice vote, the motion was approved with objections.

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

There was no "Old Business" brought before the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Under "New Business", Audrey Angus stated that she felt that the Junior Association and the youth committee should be oriented toward a typical board organization with officers, directors and advisors and also regular board meetings should be conducted. She also expressed that a coordinator for fund raising for the Junior Association was also needed. These comments were directed to the AOSA Board of Directors.

Wayne O'Brien introduced and thanked the donors for the 2017 Foundation Flock: Houghtaling Oxfords, Myrna Sanburg, Red Cloud Oxfords, Winning Ways Sheep Farm and Double "O" Acres. He also introduced the 2017 recipients of the Foundation Flock, the Steve Niemeier Family of Hillsboro, IL.

The Hall of Fame Award was presented during the show earlier in the day. The 2017 inductee is Richard Crome and a special plaque was presented to his sons, Phil and Aaron Crome, by Tony Weber, Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee.

The floor was then opened for nominations for judge for the 2018 National Oxford Sale Show. Wayne O'Brien nominated Debbie Jo Holmquist, Paul Messenger seconded the nomination. Bill Edwards nominated Dustin Cruit, Ron Brockmann seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Tony Weber moved to close nominations, seconded by Bill Edwards, and on voice vote the motion was approved with no dissent. Voting for the individuals nominated was conducted by paper ballot and Dustin Cruit was selected as the first choice.

The next item of business was the election of Directors for Districts 2, 3 and 5. Currently, Jay Franzen serves as District 2 Director and he is term limited; Laura Meyer serves as District 3 Director and she is also term limited; and Stacey Gadsby serves as District 5 Director and she is completing her first term. The membership thanked these three Directors for their service to the Association with a round of applause. For the position of Director in District 2, Jan Houghtaling nominated Tim Roberts, Bill Edwards seconded the nomination; Wayne O'Brien nominated Marty Van Roekel, Phil Crome seconded the nomination. For the position of District 3 Director, Tony Weber nominated Steve Bingen and Ric Isaacson seconded the nomination. For the position of Director in District 5, Steve Bingen nominated Stacey Gadsby, Duane Grimme seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Tony Weber moved to close the nominations, seconded by Ron Brockmann and on voice vote the motion was approved with no objections. Paper ballots were distributed for the election of a Director in District 2 and Marty Van Roekel was elected.

Under "Other Business" Wayne O'Brien announced that Shelley O'Brien will donate an original stained glass art piece for the All-American Junior Sheep Show (AAJSS) fund raising auction in 2018. The Directors announced that at the 2017 National Sale, the ad on the AOSA web page will be offered for sale to two buyers for the duration of 1 year; funds raised will be applied to the AAJSS expenses of the Association.

With no other business or announcements, Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by Phil Crome, 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 AAJSS. On voice vote, the motion was approved with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Trotter, Secretary