

American Oxford Sheep Association
Annual Meeting
June 11, 2021
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President Darwin Hall called the meeting to order at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. He welcomed the approximately 65 members who were in attendance. Before enjoying a meal catered by Basket Case Catering which included lamb donated by Winning Ways Sheep Farm, Marty Van Roekel gave the invocation. Following the meal Darwin Hall introduced the AOSA Board of Directors. Beth Allison, Director and Chairperson of the AOSA Queen Committee introduced the 2021 Queen, Miss Suzann Shields of Indiana.

David Trotter and Darwin Hall presented awards from the show held prior to the Annual Meeting and judged by John Mrozinski. Also, Double "A" Oxfords were announced as the Premier Exhibitor and will receive their award at the National Sale the following day. Sale announcements were made that included the floor prices as set by the Board of Directors (\$300 for lambs and \$350 for yearlings. It was also announced that the site for the 2022 National Sale was currently undecided since there is a schedule conflict for our normal date at the IL State Fairgrounds. Members were encouraged to share their thoughts regarding the 2022 National Sale with any member of the Board of Directors.

Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting, which was held virtually on September 1, 2020 due to COVID-19 were in the Annual Report booklet as were the 2020 Financial Report for the Association. A motion by Rex Decker, seconded by Bill Edwards, to approve both the minutes and financial report was passed by voice vote with no opposition.

Kermit Daniels reported on the 2021 Oxford Foundation Flock award. Kermit introduced the three 2021 recipients; Kendrick Campbell (OH), Kyla Lamm (IL) and Hannah Wiebold (NY). Kermit also thanked the breeders who had donated animals for the program. Tony Weber announced the 2021 Oxford Hall of Fame inductee; Ed Bowman of Tennessee.

A brief report was given by the Junior Association officers and newly formed Board members.

Secretary David Trotter gave his report which included information regarding the Futurity Program, the 2021 NAILE, the 2021 All-American Junior Show, the Registrations and Transfers numbers. He also thanked the Junior Association who live-streamed the show earlier. Steve Bingen coordinates and mentors the Junior Association and he announced that t-shirts for all Oxford exhibitors at the 2021 All American would provided and that if anyone would like to help sponsor these t-shirts to contact him. David Trotter also announced that the Association can now accept credit cards for payments and that there is a 5% service fee and a \$15 minimum associated with credit card use. David stated that there would be a new membership directory in 2022. He also announced that 2021 marked Bob Johnson's 30th year of auctioneering the National Oxford Sale.

There was no additional new business and no old business.

An election of directors was held for the at-large seat and for District 6. Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by Ronnie Shrou, to re-elect Darwin Hall and Rex Decker respectively for these positions. On voice vote, the motion passed with no opposition. Three names were submitted from the floor to judge the 2022 National Sale Show; following their nominations, a vote of the members was conducted and the ranking results were as follows: 1st- Jeff Held, 2nd – Dustin Cruitt, 3rd – Wayne O'Brien.

Darwin Hall concluded the meeting by thanking sponsors, Winning Ways Sheep Farm for the lamb at dinner and David Trotter for the liquid refreshments.

Ric Isaacson made a motion, seconded by Bill Edward, to adjourn the meeting to the benefit auction for AAJSS. The motion was approved with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Trotter, Executive Secretary