

Spring 2023

Dear AOSA Member;

We have done an earlier mailing to everyone back in early winter, so this mailing will serve as an update/reminder. Hope everyone's winter has gone well and that lambs are big and thriving. As always, if you have questions, ideas for the Association, or need assistance, please reach out to me (phone, text or email).

David Trotter, Executive Secretary

National Oxford Sales

In addition to several on-line sales by Oxford breeders (see the Oxford Breeders Facebook group page for information on these sales), we will have two National Oxford Sales sponsored by the AOSA this year. The first of these sales is the National Oxford On-Line Sale scheduled for April 25. The On-Line sale will be on the Breeders World On-Line Platform. The sale will run from 7am to 7pm on the 25th. I would suggest that you go to Breeders World's website (breedersworld.com) now and register as a potential bidder so you are already for the sale.

The other National Oxford Sale is our annual live sale in June at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The show and the AOSA Annual Meeting will be on Friday, June 9, and the National Sale will be on Saturday, June 10. We will be joined at the sale by the National Cheviot Sale, as well as, sales featuring Tunis, Montadales and Suffolks. Breeders World will provide the on-line bidding component for folks who can't attend in person. More information on the AOSA Annual Meeting can be found in this mailing.

NAILE Photos

At the 2022 NAILE in Louisville, the Association contracted with Emily Adcock Photography & Design to do our photography work for both the Junior and Open shows. If you would like to see the pictures and/or order prints, please contact Emily at Emily.adcock13@gmail.com or go to her [www.website emilyadcockphotographyanddesign.com](http://www.website.emilyadcockphotographyanddesign.com)

Futurity Program

A yearling ewe futurity division has been added to the AOSA Futurity Program for 2023. Yearling ewes nominated at the 2023 sales, as well as, yearling ewes that were nominated as ewe lambs last year are eligible for this new division. You can find information, rules & forms for both divisions at the AOSA website (*Forms and Publications* tab) or you can contact the AOSA office and a hard copy can be sent to you. We encourage sale consignors to keep in mind the new Yearling Ewe Futurity when you check-in at this year's sales.

Oxford Hall of Fame

Nominations are now open for the Hall of Fame Award which will be presented at the AOSA Annual Meeting on Friday, June 9, 2023. The nomination/application form can be found at the AOSA website. If there is a person who has been an inspiration, a helping hand and word of encouragement to you why not consider nominating them for this award. Deadline for nomination/application is May 15.

AOSA Annual Membership Meeting

The American Oxford Sheep Association (AOSA) will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, June 9, 2023 at approximately 6:30 PM (local time) at the IL State Fairgrounds in Sale Barn 26 building in Springfield, IL. We will offer a catered meal by "Basket Case Catering" before the meeting. Again, this year we will be joined by the Cheviot folks for the banquet and then we will divide-up for our respective annual meetings. Meal cost will be \$10 for kids 10 years old or younger and \$15 for everyone else.

So we can adequately plan for meals, please drop me a note (email/text) or call me to let me know you plan to enjoy the meal. It would be really helpful to me and the caterer to know your intentions by June 1.

Tickets for the meal will be available at the Oxford office area at the show/sale and at the door of the meeting/meal.

You may also just attend the Annual Meeting portion (no meal, no charge).

AOSA Director positions that will be elected at the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting are;

District 1 – Marty VanRoekel, finishing his second term, not eligible for re-election

District 2 – Steve Bingen, finishing his second term, not eligible for re-election

District 4 – Ryan Grimme, finishing his first term, eligible for re-election

Don't forget about the special benefit auction that will be held at the evening's event. Proceeds from the benefit auction go to help pay the Oxford costs of the All-American Junior Show. So be sure to donate your items for the auction and be in attendance to bid on some great things and have some fun supporting our youth.

A special room rate and block for lodging during the National Sale weekend has been arranged at the Ramada Springfield North (3281 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL). The special rate is \$99/night and the rate and block are good thru May 24, 2023. Call 217-523-4000 to make reservations and mention American Oxford Sheep Association to get the special rate.