

American Oxford Sheep Association
Annual Meeting
June 21, 2019
Springfield, IL

American Oxford Sheep Association (AOSA) President, Stacey Gadsby, welcomed the crowd of approximately 75 people as she called the Annual Meeting of the AOSA to order in Sale Barn 26 on the IL State Fairgrounds. Edward Bowman gave the invocation before the meal. Following the meal, catered by Basket Case Catering, President Gadsby introduced the officers and directors of the Association who were in attendance.

Beth Allison, chairperson of the National Oxford Queen program, thanked Hannah Watson (OH), the 2018/2019 Queen. Beth then introduced Natasha Franzen of Iowa, as the 2019/2020 National Oxford Queen.

President Gadsby and Secretary David Trotter presented awards to the exhibitors of champion and reserve champion rams and ewes from the show held earlier in the day, judged by Dan Spilde of Wisconsin.

Grand Champion Ram – Sr. Champion – Four Season Farm 1835 – IL

Res. Grand Champion Ram – Jr. Champion – Daniels 1004 – IL

Grand Champion Ewe – Sr. Champion – Winning Ways Sheep Farm 19-320 – IL

Res. Grand Champion Ewe – Jr. Champion – A. Brockmann 1583 – IL

Special awards were also presented for the Sr. Champion and Res. Sr. Champion ram and ewe and the Jr. Champion and Res. Jr. Champion ram and ewe. The breeder of the 2018 Champion Futurity Ewe Lamb was also recognized: DOA 18-020 bred by Double "O" Acres of Iowa and purchased and shown by Nicholas Monday of Tennessee.

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 price for the national sale would be \$300 for both lambs and yearlings. In addition, the Board of Directors decided that a \$100 buyer credit would be award to a junior member present at the sale this year.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting and the annual financial report were presented in the Annual Meeting report booklet and were discussed by David Trotter. Cruz Nichols made a motion, seconded by John Apple, to accept the minutes as presented; on voice vote, the motion was approved without objections. Tony weber made a motion, seconded by Cliff Perzee, to accept the financial report as presented and printed; on voice vote, the motion was approved without any objections.

Kermit Daniels, chairperson of the Oxford Foundation Flock program, introduced Owen Trone of Illinois, the recipient of the 2019 Foundation Flock. Kermit also recognized and thanked the 2019 donors: Tim and Stacey Gadsby, Cliff and Karen Perzee, Paul Messenger and Ronald Shrout.

Tony Weber, chairperson of the Oxford Hall of Fame program, announced that this award would be presented at the National Oxford Show in Louisville, KY in November this year.

Under Old Business, the motion from the 2018 Annual Meeting regarding the open position for District 1 Director was opened with a recommendation from the Board of Directors to amend the constitution regarding director districts. After some initial discussion, a motion was made and seconded by the Board of Directors to amend the current constitution in regard to the Districts as follows: District 1 to include the former District 1 and District 2; District 2 to include the former District 3; District 3 to include the former District 4 (IL); District 4 to include the former District 5 (OH); District 5 to include the former District 6; District 6 to include the former District 7; in addition, a Director position to be elected At-Large. Upon voice vote, the motion was approved without objection.

With no other Old Business and no New Business, the floor was opened for nominations for judge for the 2020 National Sale Show. The following were properly nominated and seconded: Jon Shields, Craig Beckmire, John Mrozinski, and Jeff Held. Tony Weber made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Bill Edwards; on voice vote, the motion was approved with no objections. Paper ballots were used to vote on the judge selection. When ballots were counted, John Mrozinski received the majority of the votes with Jon Shields as the first alternate.

The next agenda item was the election of Directors for Districts 3 and 6 and the At-Large Director position. Darwin Hall nominated Kermit Daniels for the position of District 3 Director; his nomination was seconded by Steve Bingen. Darwin Hall nominated Beth Allison for the position of District 6 Director; her nomination was seconded by Steve Bingen. John Apple made a motion to close nominations for District 3 Director and to elect Kermit Daniels; Rex Decker seconded the motion and on voice vote the motion was approved without objection. Paul Messenger made a motion, seconded by John Apple, to close nominations for District 6 Director and to elect Beth Allison; on voice vote the motion was approved without objection.

For the position of Director At-Large, Cruz Nichols was nominated by Tim Gadsby, seconded by Bill Buckland; Darwin Hall was nominated by Kermit Daniels, seconded by Ric Isaacson. John Apple made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Steve Bingen; on voice vote the motion was approved without objection. Paper ballots were called for and when the cast ballots were counted, Darwin Hall received the majority of the votes.

In other announcements, Ron Brockmann was congratulated and thanked for 50 years of raising Oxfords. Also, Winning Ways Sheep Farm and Tim and Stacey Gadsby were thanked for providing the meat (lamb) and beverages respectively for the Annual Meeting.

With no other business or announcements, Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by Rex Decker, 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 associated with the AAJSS. On voice vote, the motion was approved without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Trotter
Secretary