

American Oxford Sheep Association
Annual Meeting
June 10, 2022
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President Darwin Hall called the meeting to order at the Joliet Junior College livestock facility. He welcomed the approximately 50 members who were in attendance. The meeting was held after a meal prepared by the ag and culinary students of the junior college. The meal was attended by Oxford, Tunis and Cheviot breeders and supporters. Following the meal, and before the Annual Meeting, the benefit auction was conducted with Bob Johnson providing the auctioneer services.

David Trotter thanked and recognized outgoing Directors Beth Allison and Kermit Daniels. Next Beth Allison thanked the current National Oxford Queen, Suzie Shields. Beth also announced that with no applicants for the position for 2022-2023, Suzie has graciously agreed to serve another year as the National Oxford Queen.

Darwin Hall and Suzie presented the show awards. Darwin announced that the floor prices for the National Sale would be \$400 for lambs and \$500 for yearlings.

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were included in the Annual Meeting report booklet , as well as, the 2021 Financial Report. John Apple made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written, seconded by Kermit Daniels. On voice vote the motion carried. Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by John Apple, to approve the 2021 Financial Report (subject to audit); on voice vote this motion also carried. Secretary David Trotter gave an oral secretary's report and discussed Association activities for the past year. Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by John Apple, to approve the secretary report; on voice vote thee motion carried.

Darwin Hall and Kermit Daniels reported that there were no eligible applicants for the Foundation Flock in 2022. Tony Weber introduced the 2022 inductee into the American Oxford Hall of Fame, Ron Shrout of Kentucky.

Steve Bingen gave a report on behalf of the Junior Oxford Association. Steve reported that the Junior Association would be providing t-shirts to all Oxford exhibitors at the 2022 All American Junior Sheep Show. He also reported that plans were underway for an on-line skill-a-thon and activities at the 2022 NAILE. Steve concluded his remarks by encouraging everyone to donate to the "Lobster for Oxfords" fund for the meal and activities for exhibitors and their families at the 2022 All American Junior Sheep Show.

The floor was opened for nominations for judge for the 2023 National Show and Sale. The following were nominated: Billy Wade from IN, Sara Kuykendall from WI and Dustin Cruit from IL. Austin Brockmann made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Tony Weber, and on voice vote the motion carried. Paper ballots were distributed to current Sr. Members of the Association. Upon counting the ballots, Billy Wade received the most votes.

The election of Directors was held next. Nominations for Director from Region 3 were Austin Brockmann and Audrey Angus. Nominations for Director from Region 6 were Laurie Majchrzak and Duncan Averill. Bill Buckland made a motion, seconded by Tony Weber to close nominations and on voice vote, the motion carried. Paper ballots were distributed to current Sr. Members of the Association. Upon counting the ballots, Austin Brockmann and Laurie Majchrzak were declared elected to the Board of Directors.

There was no Old Business brought forward.

Under New Business, the following was discussed:

1. Appreciation was expressed to Darwin Hall for his work on the Oxford Facebook page; members were encouraged to continue sending information and updates to Darwin.
2. Appreciation was also expressed to Brad Angus and the staff at Joliet Jr. College for hosting the 2022 National Show and Sale and AOSA Annual Meeting.
3. It was stated that the AOSA website needs a fresh look, the by-laws need to be updated, pictures need updated, and the semen certificate document needs to be on the website.
4. Live streaming the Annual Meeting was suggested. It was stated that Facebook Live is an option. However, it was stated that if folks watching on-line can't vote that putting the meeting on-line is a waste of time, effort and possibly expense. However, it was suggested that it would still be an attempt to be transparent and inclusive.
5. Foundation Flock. It was suggested that follow-up be done with past recipients and Facebook features be done on families who have won ahead of the application deadline.
6. Futurity Program. It was suggested that a yearling ewe division be added but only available to animals that were purchased through the National Sale.
7. National Sale. John Apple presented a very informative and in-depth report on the statistics of the National Sale.

Darwin Hall assured the membership that these suggestions would be taken under advisement by the Board of Directors as the Association moves forward.

A motion was made by Tony Weber, seconded by Bill Edwards, to close the meeting. There was no opposition and the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Trotter, Secretary