

Annual Meeting
American Oxford Sheep Association
June 9, 2023

President Darwin Hall called the meeting to order at the IL State Fairgrounds in Springfield. He welcomed the approximately 65 members who were in attendance. The meeting was held after a catered meal. The meal was attended by Oxford and Cheviot breeders and supporters. Following the meal and before the Annual Meeting, the benefit auction was conducted with Bill MacCauley providing the auctioneer services.

Secretary David Trotter thanked and recognized outgoing Directors Steve Bingen and Marty Van Roekel. David then introduced Suzie Shields, current National Oxford Queen. Suzie and Darwin then presented the show awards. Darwin then announced that the floor prices for the National Sale would be \$400 for lambs and \$500 for yearlings.

Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting were included in the Annual Meeting report booklet, as well as, the 2022 Financial Report. John Apple made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as written, seconded by Tony Weber. On voice vote the motion carried. Austin Brockmann made a motion, seconded by Ric Isaacson, to approve the 2022 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. Austin Brockmann made a motion, seconded by Ric Isaacson, to approve the secretary report; on voice vote the motion carried.

Laurie Majchrzak discussed this year's Foundation Flock program. She introduced and thanked the breeders who donated ewes and she introduced and congratulated the recipients.

Tony Weber introduced the 2023 inductees into the American Oxford Hall of Fame, Kermit and LuAnn Daniels of Illinois.

Steve Bingen gave a report and update on behalf of the Junior Oxford Association.

The floor was opened for nominations for judge for the 2024 National Show and Sale. The following were nominated: Tony Weber, WI and Sara Kuykendall, WI. Bill Edwards made a motion, seconded by Suzie Shields, to close nominations. On voice vote the motion carried. Paper ballots were distributed to current Sr. Members of the Association. Upon counting the ballots, Sara Kuykendall received the most votes. Ric Isaacson recommended that we coordinate our judge choice with the other breeds. Bill Edwards made a motion, seconded by Tony Weber, to go with the membership's selection of Sara Kuykendall as the Oxford's first choice for judge; the motion carried on voice vote.

Next the election of Directors was held. Marty Van Roekel nominated Ryan Grimme for Director from Region 4, Laura Meyer seconded the nomination. Steve Bingen nominated Tony Weber for Director from Region 2, Ric Isaacson seconded the nomination. Marty Van Roekel nominated Jay Franzen for Director from Region 1, Tony Weber seconded the nomination. Laura Meyer made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Bill Edwards. On voice vote the motion carried and the three individuals were elected by acclamation.

Under old business, the following was discussed:

- DNA Testing of Champions at NAILE. After much discussion, it was decided to see if we could alter the wording in the NAILE Premium Book from "*shall*" to "*may*".
- Oxford Queen. The Board of Directors were formally asked to re-instate this program.

- On-Line Oxford Sale. Laurie Majchrzak stated that she had received positive feedback about the on-line sale. Steve Bingen asked if the window for submitting photos/videos could be shortened.

Tony Weber made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Bill Edwards; on voice vote the motion failed to carry.

Gary Brockmann asked that there be some rule/clarification on wool length and fitting for the on-line sale. Gary made a motion to have the fitting requirements for the on-line sale the same as the live National Sale, seconded by Bill Buckland. By show of hands, the motion carried. Steve Bingen questioned how we would verify that a consignor is following those rules. Steve Bingen made a motion that all sheep be fitted either with full fleece, slick to the hips or completely slick sheared; there was no second to the motion; therefore the motion died.

Under new business Darwin Hall asked for interest in conducting a junior show in conjunction with the live National Sale. He asked members to consider this idea and to share their thoughts/interests with their regional Director prior to NAILE.

The dates for the Mid-West Stud Ram Sale was asked about. They are as follows:

2024 – June 11-16 ; 2025 – June 10-15

Andy Meyer made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting, seconded by Ric Isaacson; on voice vote the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
David Trotter, Secretary