

Annual Meeting
American Oxford Sheep Association
June 7, 2024
Springfield, IL

President Darwin Hall called the meeting to order at the IL State Fairgrounds in Springfield. He welcomed the approximately 70 members who were in attendance. Darwin thanked Traci with Basket Case Catering and Melanie & LeAnn Hall for their lamb donation for the dinner prior to the meeting. The meal was also attended by Cheviot breeders and other supporters. Following the meal and before the Annual Meeting, the benefit auction was conducted with Bill MacCauley providing the auctioneer services.

The group of Oxford and Cheviot breeders nominated Aaron Crome, Tor Sorenson and Dale Davis to judge the 2025 shows in that order. Director Laurie Majchrzak then presented the 2024 Oxford Foundation Flock winners, the Hartschuh brothers (Dwight and Jordan) from Ohio. Laurie also thanked the donors of the award ewes (Cassie Wallpe, Double "A" Oxfords, Ric Isaacson, and Laurie & Steve Majchrzak). Darwin Hall and Jr. Association Members presented show awards as follows: Grand Ch. Ram – Addison Meyer, Res. Grand Ch. Ram- Double "A" Oxfords, Sr. Ch. Ram – Bingen Oxfords, Grand Ch. Ewe-Addison Meyer, Res. Grand Ch. Ewe-Houghtaling Oxfords, Res. Sr. Ch. Ewe-Bingen Oxfords, Res. Jr. Ch. Ewe-Edgewood Farms. President Hall also announced that floor prices at the 2024 National Sale would be \$400 for lambs and \$500 for yearlings.

Secretary David Trotter presented the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. Brad Angus made a motion, seconded by John Apple, to approve the minutes; on voice vote the motion was approved without opposition. Secretary Trotter then presented the 2023 Financial Report. Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by LeAnn Hall, to approve the financial report as presented; the motion was approved without objection.

Director Tony Weber presented the 2024 Oxford Hall of Fame award to Bill Edwards. Tony highlighted Bill's accomplishments and long support of the AOSA.

Steve Bingen gave the Junior Association report and discussed their future plans. David Trotter then gave the Association's Secretary report. Next, President Hall thanked Rex Decker for his service to the Board. Rex had served the maximum 2 terms on the Board. Darwin Hall also stated that he would not be seeking re-election to a second term on the Board and those in attendance thanked both Rex and Darwin for their service. President Hall then conducted Director elections. For District 5, Lloyd Arthur was nominated by Rex Decker (seconded by Suzie Shields); LeAnn Hall made a motion to close nominations, Bill Buckland seconded the motion; on voice vote the motion was approved without objections and Lloyd Arthur was elected. For the At-Large Director position, Dakota Bockenbauer was nominated by Jay Franzen, seconded by Bill Edwards; Cruz Nichols was nominated by Bill Buckland, seconded by LeAnn Hall. John Apple made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Tony Weber; on voice vote the motion was approved without opposition. Paper ballots were distributed to current senior members and when those ballots were counted, Cruz Nichols was announced as the new at-large director.

No old business was presented. Under new business, Kim Mumaw announced that the Ohio Oxford Association would hold a regional Oxford Jr. Show at the Ohio State Fair for ages 6 – 21 on 7/28/24.

With no further business, Tony Weber made a motion to close the Annual Meeting, seconded by Bill Edwards, and on voice vote the motion was approved without objections.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Trotter, Executive Secretary