

**Annual Meeting**  
**American Oxford Sheep Association**  
**June 6, 2025**  
**Springfield, IL**

President Austin Brockmann called the meeting to order at the IL State Fairgrounds in Springfield. He welcomed the roughly 65 members and their families who were in attendance. The President thanked Traci with Basket Case Catering and Melanie and LeAnn Hall for their donation of lamb for the diner. The meal was also attended by Cheviot breeders and other supporters. Following the meal and before starting the meeting, the benefit auction was conducted with Bill MacCauley providing the auctioneer services. The group of Oxford and Cheviot breeders present nominated Wayne O'Brien, Cruz Nichols, and Evan Snyder to judge the 2026 National Sale Shows. Following balloting, Evan Snyder was the first choice, with Wayne O'Brien the second choice.

Austin Brockmann and the members of the Jr. Oxford Association presented show awards as follows: Grand Champion Ram & Jr. Champion Ram – Brockmann Oxfords, Reserve Grand Champion Ram & Reserve Jr. Champion Ram – Double "A" Oxfords, Sr. Champion Ram-Ardith Hamilton & Sons, Res. Sr. Champion Ram-Weber Livestock Co., Grand Champion Ewe & Jr. Ch. Ewe-Brockmann Oxfords, Res. Grand Champion Ewe & Res. Jr. Ch. Ewe-Double "A" Oxfords, Sr. Ch. Ewe – Double "A" Oxfords and Res. Sr. Ch. Ewe – Ardith Hamilton & Sons. President Brockmann also announced that the floor prices at the 2025 National Sale would be \$400 for lambs and \$500 for yearlings.

Secretary David Trotter presented the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting. Darwin Hall made a motion, seconded by Rex Decker, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes as printed in the Annual Meeting program booklet; on voice vote the motion was approved without opposition. Secretary Trotter presented the 2024 Financial Report (also printed in the Annual Meeting program booklet); John Apple made a motion, seconded by Beth Allison to approve the financial report as printed (pending audit); the motion was approved without any objections.

Tony Weber announced that the winner of the 2025 Oxford Foundation Flock Award is Isabella Camp of Ohio. She received a ewe donated by Dover Genetics of Illinois. Tony also announced that the Board of Directors have decided to put the Oxford Foundation Flock program on hold for a year or so to look at necessary improvements that can be made regarding eligibility of applicants and other aspects.

Tony Weber was then assisted by Lydia Pool to present the Hall of Fame Award and induction to the Hall family of Winning Ways Sheep Farm. Tony highlighted information regarding the flock history and individual stories about the family and the flock.

Steve Bingen and members of the Junior Oxford Association gave a brief Junior members at this year's All American Junior Show and at the NAILE Junior Show weekend.

David Trotter gave the Secretary's Report regarding the activities of the Association during the past year.

Karen and Suzie Shields announced that the 2025/2026 National Oxford Queen is Abbigale Cattrell of Ohio.

The next item on the agenda was the election of Directors. The following regions were open to election with the current Directors from those regions eligible to be re-elected for a second term: Region 3 – Austin Brockmann, Region 6 – Laurie Majchrzak. A motion was made by Kelly Pool, seconded by Rex Decker, to re-

elect the current Directors to a second term and to close the nominations; on voice vote the motion was approved without opposition.

No old business was presented. Under new business, LeAnn Hall suggested that the Oxfords and Cheviots conduct an educational event at the 2026 National Sale similar to the one conducted by the Suffolks at this year's National Sale weekend. LeAnn volunteered to work on the logistics for such an educational event. Tony Weber encouraged more participation in terms of consignors and consignments for the 2026 National Oxford Sale and the on-line Oxford Sale. President Brockmann then gave his President's Comments and outlook for the future.

A motion was made by Rex Decker, seconded by Bill Edwards, to close the Annual Meeting and adjourn. The motion passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

David Trotter  
Executive Secretary