

April 2014 Conference Call Meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association

A conference call meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held April 7th at 7:00 p.m. CST. Those directors who called in were L.C. Scramlin, Barbara Bishop, Jeff Oldenburg, J.J. Maddox, Heath Laber, Brian Forsee, Jessy Shanks, Jim Davis, Scott Flanagan, Mike McElvain, Jeff Repasky, and Paul Cassell.

President Barbara Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

It was moved by Brian Forsee to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last informal meeting. This was seconded by Jeff Oldenburg. Motion passed.

As the second quarter financial statement had been sent to the directors, it was moved by Scott Flanagan to accept the report as presented. Jim Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mike McElvain of the communication committee noted the Journal and Directory would be in the hands of the membership in the very near future.

Heath Laber of the National Junior Show committee reported he had been contacting his committee to be present at the National Junior Show to be held this July in Kansas.

Jim Davis of the nomination committee stated that five directors would be up for reelection at the annual meeting this fall. Of the five directors, he had contact four who noted they each would like to seek another term.

L.C. Scramlin of the National Sale committee said the National Sale catalog was online at the present time. The webcasting option for the sale had not yet been finalized, but should be soon. His committee would have refreshments at the sale for all to enjoy.

With no other committee reports, the President then called for New Business.

Mike McElvain moved that all registrations and transfers require an ASBA adult or junior membership. Seconded by Heath Laber, the motion passed.

Jessy Shanks moved that the current edition of Robert's rules of order govern any meeting procedure issue. The motion was seconded by J.J. Maddox. Motion carried.

Mike McElvain moved to take a total of \$2,800 from the junior and scholarship funds to use for junior ambassador leadership, regional shows, and National Junior Show expenses. This would include \$2000 for the Ambassador program, \$300 for the two regional shows, and \$500 for the National Junior Show. The motion was seconded by Jessy Shanks and discussion followed.

After discussion, L.C. Scramlin moved to amend the motion and take the \$2,800 from the youth and youth leadership category and junior premium and awards rather than the scholarship fund. After a second by Brian Forsee, the amendment to the motion passed. The amended main motion then passed.

It was moved by Mike McElvain that no further matching funds for state organizations be given after 2013. Seconded by Scott Flanagan, the motion carried.

The annual meeting and banquet was then discussed. After some discussion, it was decided that a meeting to further discuss the options should be held on Friday at the Ohio Sale. Those who would attend the meeting were L.C. Scramlin, Barbara Bishop, Brian Forsee, Jessy Shanks, and John Nixon.

It was moved by Mike McElvain that Pot of Gold futurity points may be counted from a junior show and open show at the same state fair if the shows are judged by different judges. The words "on separate days" are to be struck from the motion passed at the last informal meeting. L.C. Scramlin seconded the motion. The motion passed. This rule change would be updated on the futurity rules on the website.

Mike McElvain moved that all nominating payments for each class of futurity sheep be paid back to exhibitors through rosettes and premiums with premiums jackpotted up to 20 places or the number of participants, whichever is less. Jim Davis seconded the motion.

L.C. Scramlin moved to amend the main motion by striking the word "rosettes" and insert the word "awards". Seconded by J.J. Maddox, the amendment to the motion passed and the amended main motion then passed.

It was stated by President Bishop that the next conference call meeting would be July 14th.

There was then discussion on the proposed \$8,000.00 from the youth funds to be used for a junior coordinator. It was decided that Brian Forsee, Heath Laber, and Barbara Bishop would meet to discuss this further at the Ohio Sale.

With no further business to discuss or conduct, a motion from Brian Forsee was given for the meeting to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Jessy Shanks, the motion passed.

July 2014 Conference Call Meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association

A conference call meeting was held on July 14, 2014, of the American Southdown Breeders' Association. The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Bishop at 7:04 p.m. with the following directors on the call: Jim Davis, Jeff Oldenburg, Heath Laber, Mike McElvain, J.J. Maddox, Scott Flanagan, Brian Forsee, Patty Abell, L.C. Scramlin, Jeff Repasky, and Kyle Thayer.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous conference call meeting, which was April 7th, was given by Brian Forsee and seconded by J.J. Maddox. The motion passed.

The Executive Secretary then gave a brief treasurer's report on the third quarter of the Association. It was noted that another good year for the Association was in progress. The printed materials for the

Association were well in line with costs, support of the futurity was noted with record numbers of nominations, and our cash balance is extremely good for this time of the year.

A motion to approve the financial report as given was moved by Scott Flanagan, with a second by Jeff Repasky. The motion passed.

The president then called for committee reports.

L.C. Scramlin of the National Sale Committee, reported on the excellent National Sale held in conjunction with the Ohio Showcase Sale. The sale average was a very respectable \$979.00 with the best breed awards going to Brian Forsee for the ram and J.J. and Kelly Maddox for the ewe. He noted that it was great to see all those Southdown breeders in attendance, and the ASBA greatly appreciated the support of the Ohio Southdown Association with all the endeavors.

Mike McElvain of the Communication Committee commented on the wonderful job that Lisa had done on the publications of the Association this past fiscal year. Costs were kept in line and a very nice product to represent the Association was printed. He also noted the expenses for the website update were paid for by breeder links and advertising.

Jeff Repasky of the Breed Standard Committee noted that his committee needed to look at the shearing rule for Southdowns and perhaps update the standards.

Patty Abell of the Futurity Committee stated that it looks to be another great year for the three futurities of the Association.

Barbara Bishop gave an update on the success of the Ambassadors at the recently held National Junior Show. Alyssa Flanagan, Cassie McConkey, Kelly Vierck, and Mackenzie Padgett were all present at the event to help in many ways. The ambassadors took photos of the top placing sheep in each of the many classes at the show and posted on Facebook; they ran a very successful scavenger hunt, helped Mark Johnson with his presentation, and served about 200 youth root beer floats. All this was done in their new ambassador shirts.

The Board wished to thank Amy Powell for her help with the Ambassador program and her time and commitment in leadership training.

Heath Laber of the National Junior Show Committee agreed the National Junior Show was very successful this year and ran smoothly from beginning to end. Nearly 300 head of Southdowns were exhibited at this year's event.

The president then called for Old Business.

Mike McElvain moved the Association have a social mixer and annual meeting on Saturday evening, November 15th during the North American Livestock Exposition. With a second from Brian Forsee, the motion passed.

It was noted the Ambassadors would be active in presenting invitations for the mixer to the many youth present at the show. Additionally, they will present a power point and a skit at the annual meeting and mixer.

L.C. Scramlin moved to have the informal meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:00 p.m. on Friday the 14th. A second was given by Brian Forsee, and the motion passed.

The job description for a junior coordinator for the Association was briefly discussed and each director was encouraged to look at the criteria and to please note any new junior ideas they would like to see included.

President Bishop appointed Brian Forsee to chair a committee to look at the future of our youth programs and a possible youth coordinator.

Under New Business, Jeff Repasky stated he would like to revisit the shearing rule for Southdowns. After discussion and comments from various directors, it was moved by Mike McElvain and seconded by L.C. Scramlin that all directors will be in charge of enforcing the current shearing rules. The motion carried.

A discussion was then held on possible locations of the 2015 National Sale and 2015 National Junior Show. After much discussion, it was decided that L.C. Scramlin would chair a committee to look at the best possible location for each event. His committee will consist of Heath Laber, Jeff Repasky, Jim Davis, Brian Forsee, and Scott Flanagan.

Brian Forsee then brought up the possibility of having a Southdown Wether Lamb Futurity program, much like the very successful female futurities. After discussion, it was agreed upon that the futurity committee should discuss this and have a proposal at the informal meeting in Louisville.

Jeff Repasky noted his concern over the amount of drenching that was occurring at the recently held National Junior Show. President Bishop asked Jeff to work with the Ambassadors in the development of educational materials on the correct way to handle the show string.

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was given by Jim Davis with a second by J.J. Maddox. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2014
INFORMAL MEETING
OF THE
AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The informal meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was called to order by President Barbara Bishop at 4:05 p.m. in the South Wing Board Room at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 14, 2014.

Those directors present were Mike McElvain, Brian Forsee, Jim Davis, John Nixon, J.J. Maddox, Jeff Oldenburg, Heath Laber, Jessy Shanks, Scott Flanagan, L.C. Scramlin, and Kyle Thayer.

The meeting began with a presentation from Bret Oelke and Curt Overcash of Heartland Sale Management. After an informative presentation, which included a request for the National Sale, discussion followed on the 2015 Midwest Stud Ram Sale. One change affecting the Association will be that Southdowns will move into the Swine Barn, will show on Wednesday, and will sell on Friday.

Next, Lynn Kuhn gave a short presentation on the sale in Indiana slated for April 18th. The sale will be at the Willoughby sale facility in Sheridan, Indiana. Sheep will be on display, but all bidding will be online. The Indiana sale was interested in hosting the National Sale.

L.C. Scramlin then presented the information that he had on the Ohio Sale. The Ohio Southdown Association also would like for the Southdown Association to return in 2015 for the National Sale. There is to be a sale committee meeting with sale management during Louisville and much more will be known after that meeting.

After the three possible National Sale presentations, the President called for the reading of the minutes of the last informal meeting.

It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to accept the minutes as previously submitted. It was seconded by Brian Forsee, and the motion carried.

The executive Secretary then gave a brief financial report on the status of the Association. It was noted the cash balance as of September 30, 2013, was \$155,203.68. The operating income for the past fiscal year was \$95,931.28 and the operating expenses were \$86,032.74. This gives the Association at the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2104, a cash balance of \$165,102.22.

It was moved by Jim Davis and seconded by Jeff Oldenburg to accept the financial report as given. Motion passed.

It was then moved by Mike McElvain that the \$90,683.05 of the Terry Bloch and Tracy Repasky funds shall reimburse the Association for past scholarship and the remaining balance of \$75,703.07 be

segregated and used for future scholarships and non futurity junior events that are approved by a specific vote of the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by J.J. Maddox. After discussion the motion was changed to disseminate the \$90,683.05 Bloch and Repasky funds at appropriate times. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mike McElvain that the Ambassadors be allowed to conduct an online sale in April of 2015. Breeders would be solicited to consign sheep to the sale. Any and all profits from the sale would be used only to support the Ambassador program. Brian Forsee seconded the motion. After discussion, it was moved by Jim Davis and seconded by L.C. Scramlin to table the motion at this time. The motion to table passed.

It was then moved by Mike McElvain and seconded by L.C. Scramlin that by vote of the Board of Directors, after submitting a scholarship application, retiring Ambassadors would receive a \$600 scholarship for post secondary education. Motion passed.

The National Junior Show was then discussed. It was moved by Mike McElvain and seconded by Jim Davis that when a national junior show is held in conjunction with a hosting show, the Southdown classes will abide by the designated classes of that hosting show. After discussion, a vote by show of hands was asked. The vote was 2-9, and the motion failed.

It was moved by Mike McElvain that a best breed type ram be selected at the National Show and a trophy comparable to the best breed type ewe trophy be purchased. It was seconded by Scott Flanagan. Motion carried.

The Ewes for Youth program was then discussed. The program has been in effect for over ten years and has been successful, but numbers of applicants have decreased drastically. It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to discontinue the program and concentrate on other youth programs. John Nixon seconded the motion, and it passed.

The scholarship committee noted there had been one excellent scholarship recipient this year, which is Kelly Vierck of Wisconsin. Kelly is a student at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Scott Flanagan gave an informative update on the status of genetic testing. The percent of all Southdowns tested from September of 2013 to September of 2014 was as follows: ED carriers were 21.5%, spider carriers were 3.4%, QQ was 6.2%, QR was 41.6% and RR was 52.2 %.

Dr. Flanagan then presented updated forms for certificate of service, transfer of semen, artificial insemination, embryo transfer, and transfer of embryo ownership. It was moved by Mike McElvain that the forms be tabled until the next meeting to allow the board time to study the forms. The motion was seconded by Kyle Thayer. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mike McElvain that the Association send out an e-blast asking for member's email addresses and their consent to print them in the Journal & Directory and to list in the membership directory online. Jim Davis seconded this, and the motion passed.

Jim Davis, chairman of the nomination committee, gave his report on directors with terms expiring.

Region 1, District 1 – Patty Abell

Region 1, District 3 – Heath Laber

Region 3, District 2 – L.C. Scramlin

Region 4 District 1 – Gary Kwisnek

Region 4 District 2 – Kyle Thayer

All directors had chosen to seek another term with the exception of Gary Kwisnek. The name of Ed Keeney of Pennsylvania was submitted for that region and district.

Three names were submitted for possible judges of the 2015 National Show. They are Kelly Bruns of Nebraska, Don Hopkins of Rhode Island, and Steve Taylor of Pennsylvania.

Also names submitted for a judge at the 2015 Midwest Sale are Bart Cardwell of Oklahoma and John Mrozinski of Colorado.

It was moved by Mike McElvain and seconded by Kyle Thayer that any concerns or objections to futurity exhibition must be forwarded in writing to the ASBA office for determination of validation of exhibition points by the futurity committee; otherwise all unchallenged points will be counted as submitted.

It was moved by John Nixon to amend the motion that a fee of \$100 be submitted with any challenge. The money would be refunded if the challenge was upheld or lost if the challenge was lost. The motion was seconded by Heath Laber. After discussion, the amendment was withdrawn.

The main motion was then voted on and passed.

It was moved by Mike McElvain that in all open shows, the futurity participant must be in control of the sheep's head and any individual may assist setting feet. It was seconded by Jim Davis. Motion passed.

A ten minute recess was then taken, and the meeting resumed with the following motion: Mike McElvain moved that at non state fairs, a total of two point shows may be held as long as they are on different days and with different judges. Seconded by Jim Davis, the motion passed.

It was moved by Mike McElvain that a market wether futurity be created with appropriate trophy and shall follow the spring ewe lamb rules. This was seconded by L.C. Scramlin. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mike McElvain and seconded by Kyle Thayer that the 2015 All-American Show held in West Springfield, Massachusetts, be designated the National Junior Show. Motion carried.

After considerable discussion on the upcoming National Sale in 2015, it was moved by Brian Forsee and seconded by L.C. Scramlin that the Ohio Sale be designated the National Sale, as long as the sale is webcast; if not, the Board will discuss other options during a January conference call. Motion carried.

Kyle Thayer moved that the Midwest Stud Ram Sale be the second choice. Seconded by Scott Flanagan, the motion passed.

Mike McElvain moved to change the discussion of the budget to item D on the agenda. It was seconded by Scott Flanagan, and the motion passed.

Four regional show requests were then presented to the Board of Directors for discussion. It was moved by Mike McElvain and seconded by John Nixon that the three regional shows be at the Del Mar Fair in San Diego, the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival, and a show sponsored by the Indiana Southdown Association. Each show would have a social and an educational event, in addition to the actual show. Motion passed.

Several ideas for future junior events were then discussed.

One was a two day event held at Joliet Junior College over the Memorial Day weekend. With two shows over two days, it could serve as a futurity kickoff for many showing Southdowns. The show would be asking for a maximum of \$2,000 for running the show. It was moved by Mike McElvain to have such a show; with a second from Brian Forsee the motion passed.

The second junior idea discussed was in connection to the National Sheep Association. After some discussion, it was moved by Kyle Thayer and seconded by John Nixon to table the discussion at this time. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mike McElvain and seconded by Scott Flanagan to add clerical help for the Association office to deal with present duties and other new junior responsibilities. This would be a total of \$5,000 for the budget. Motion carried.

Possible fee increases for the Association were then discussed. In looking at the new junior activities of the Association, it was moved by Mike McElvain and seconded by John Nixon to increase the cost of transfers of ownership to \$10 for less than 60 days and \$15 for 60 days and over. This fee increase would occur January 1, 2015. Motion passed.

The Ambassador online sale was then discussed by the Board. After discussion, it was moved by Mike McElvain to authorize the Ambassadors to have such a sale and report back to the Board by the January conference call to method of funding. Seconded by Scott Flanagan, the motion carried.

The final budget for 2015 was then presented. Mike McElvain moved to approve the budget. With a second by Jessy Shanks, the budget was voted on and approved.

It was moved by Mike McElvain that a conference call meeting be held on January 12th at 7:00 p.m. central time. Jim Davis seconded the motion, and it passed.

With no further business to conduct, the motion to adjourn was given by Kyle Thayer; with a second by J.J. Maddox, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2014

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The 132nd annual meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky, on November 15, 2014.

President Barbara Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. after a very successful mixer and informal gathering of Southdown friends and family from across the country.

L.C. Scramlin gave an invocation for guidance and direction for the Association.

The Executive Secretary then read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. It was moved by Jessy Shanks to accept the minutes as read. Sarina Rincker seconded the motion, and it carried.

The President then called for any Old Business.

Jeff Oldenburg of the proxy committee noted that he had received 7 proxies, and they had been verified and properly distributed.

Brian Forsee commented on the upcoming National Sale and the recently held Stars Sale. The Stars Sale was very successful with 37 sheep selling into eleven states. The overall sale average was \$1,250.00. The National Show will be held in a few days with 225 entries in the show.

L.C. Scramlin stated that the Board is looking at three different proposals for a National Sale in 2015. A final decision will be made by January.

Heath Laber reported on the very successful 2014 National Junior Show. It was held in Hutchinson, Kansas, and had 350 head of Southdown exhibited.

The Executive Secretary reported on the record breaking futurity held this year for yearlings, fall ewe lambs and spring ewe lambs. The final results of the futurity would be determined tomorrow after the junior show.

Lisa Reiff announced she would be working on the 5th annual Southdown Journal and Directory this coming winter. She will be putting together all the ads for breeders and pertinent information a bit earlier this coming year with the upcoming birth of their first child.

President Bishop then asked for any New Business.

Jim Davis of the nomination committee gave his report to fill districts with terms expiring in 2014.

Region 1 District 1 Patty Abell

Region 1 District 3 Heath Laber

Region 3 District 2 L.C. Scramlin

Region 4 District 1 Ed Keeney

Region 4 District 2 Kyle Thayer

With no further nominations, it was moved by Lynn Kuhn that nominations cease. It was seconded by Brian Forsee. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Aaron Jennings that this slate of directors be elected by acclamation. Seconded by John Nixon, the motion passed.

It was noted that the Executive Secretary should write a thank you to the outgoing director, Gary Kwisnek, for his many years of dedicated service to the Board of Directors.

Jim Davis then gave the committee suggestions for judge of the 2015 National Show. Those names were Kelly Bruns of Nebraska, Don Hopkins of Rhode Island, and Steve Taylor of Pennsylvania.

The President then asked for further nominations, and the name of Jim Davis of Illinois was added.

Rodney Knittel moved that nominations cease. Seconded by J.J. Maddox, the motion passed.

Those members present were then asked to vote for their choice of a judge for the 2015 National Show with the top two candidates in a runoff.

As votes were being counted, results of the Board of Directors informal meeting were announced. This included the approval of a two day junior event to be held over the Memorial Day weekend in Joliet, Illinois.

Also announced were the three regional shows to be held in California, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

In addition, an exciting new "Pot of Gold" wether lamb futurity will begin in 2015. It will be patterned after the successful ewe lamb futurity.

At this time it was announced that Kelly Bruns received the most votes and there was a tie for second between Jim Davis and Don Hopkins. The members were asked to vote to break the tie between Jim Davis and Don Hopkins.

As these votes were being tabulated, the President announced the increase in transfer fees that will begin on January 1st, 2015. The new rate will be \$10 for up to 60 days and \$15 for over 60 days. This would allow for future junior projects to be funded.

It was then announced the Kelly Bruns of Nebraska was the first choice for judge of the 2015 National Show with Jim Davis of Illinois as the second choice.

The President then asked for any further New Business.

Past President L.C. Scramlin presented outgoing President Barbara Bishop with a Southdown sculpture and thanked her for her leadership the past two years as President. President Bishop wished to thank her husband and daughter for their support during her tenure.

Jessy Shanks announced that an online ewe sale would be held next spring to support the Ambassador program. Final details on the sale would be available soon.

With no further business to conduct, the motion to adjourn was given by Scott Flanagan and seconded by Jeff Oldenburg. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.