

January 2015 Conference Call Meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association

A conference call meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held on January 13, 2015. President Mike McElvain called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following directors participating: JJ Maddox, Ed Keeney, L.C. Scramlin, John Nixon, Jeff Oldenburg, Scott Flanagan, Brian Forsee, Jim Davis, Jessy Shanks, Patty Abell, Jeff Repasky, Heath Laber, Kyle Thayer, and Barbara Bishop.

President McElvain first wished to thank John Nixon for his help in developing a DropBox account for the Association where information could be stored to reduce volume of emails and attachments.

The Executive Secretary then reported on the computer issues in the office. It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to purchase the registry program from the Continental Dorset Club and also purchase a new computer, with a second from Patty Abell, the motion passed.

The President then asked for approval of the minutes from the informal and annual meeting held in November. It was moved by J.J. Maddox to approve the minutes as submitted. There was a second by Heather Laber. Motion carried.

The President then reported that the executive committee had conducted a church audit of the accounts and funds in the Association office. The accounts were correct as submitted to the Board and the membership at the annual meeting in Louisville.

Committee Reports were then given.

L.C. Scramlin, of the National sale committee, stated that two companies were being looked at by Banner Sale Management for webcasting the Ohio Showcase Sale weekend. After discussion, it was moved by John Nixon to hold the National Sale at the Ohio Showcase Sale, with a second by Brian Forsee, the President called for any other discussion.

Brian Forsee then moved to amend the motion with Southdown breeders agreeing to pay the normal fees and commission cost if the sale was webcast, however, if the sale is not webcast, Southdown breeders would ask for ½ percent of the commission to be forfeited from Banner Sale Management. This amendment to the motion was seconded by Jeff Repasky. Amendment passed.

The amended motion was then voted on and accepted.

Jim Davis, of the futurity kickoff show, reported that the show will be May 23rd and 24th in Joliet, Illinois. It will include a skillathon, educational event, showmanship classes, plus two shows for rams, ewes, and market lambs. Judges being looked for the two day event are Brad Ellerbroch and Brad Payne.

Heath Laber, of the ambassador on line sale, stated that a date of April 26 was being looked at with a maximum of 25 ewe lambs consigned. Entry deadline would be March 20th and all information need by

April 17. All ewe lambs must have at least one R, and be NN, EDF. 7% of the commission would go to W Livestock sale management. There was then considerable discussion on the structure of the donations that breeders might wish to make to the ambassador program.

Brian Forsee moved to leave it up to the consignors to designate the amount of deduction they wished to make from their consignment, above the normal 10% consignment fee. The motion was then seconded by Heath Laber and passed.

Under Old Business the first item discussed was determining a list of sales for the market wether futurity. Sales to be listed for the wether futurity include the Premier 10, Midwest Elite, Black and White, Corporation 1, Corporation 2, Wisconsin Sale, Indiana Sale, Ohio Showcase, Midwest Sale, Nugget, and Young Guns. Market wethers from any online consignment sale would also be eligible. This list would be given to the futurity committee.

John Nixon noted that currently 92 persons had responded to the email address request.

The President asked for any discussion on the National Sheep Association.

With no comments on such, the next item to discuss was the approval of the new forms for certificate of service, transfer of semen, artificial insemination, embryo transfer, and transfer of embryo ownership. Dr. Scott Flanagan noted these forms would be on an Adobe format for use by the membership. There was then considerable discussion on the forms and application of them. It was moved by Dr. Flanagan to accept the forms as presented. With a second from Barbara Bishop, the motion carried.

Under New Business, it was moved by Jessy Shanks to have a 2 year term limit for Ambassadors and an Ambassador would have to reapply after the first year. This motion was seconded by Barbara Bishop, motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Flanagan for a regional show designation that a show would need to have a non show competition, educational event, social event, and all activities would need to be approved by the regional show committee and junior coordinator. With a second by J.J. Maddox the motion passed.

At that time a request for regional show designation of the New England Youth Show was presented. The show met all the above criteria. It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to designate the New England Youth Show as a regional show. With a second by Brian Forsee the motion passed.

It was noted the Ed Keeney had taken photos of slick shearing of Southdowns to the knees and hocks. These photos are on the Association DropBox site.

A request was then discussed on awarding \$1000 for the champion Southdown wether, and \$500 for the reserve champion wether at the North American Show in Louisville. This would be for a one year trial and these monies would come through private donations given the Association.

After discussion, it was moved by Brian Forsee that these monies be paid through the Association, and once the exhibitor of the champion or reserve champion had proven college enrollment, the funds be

issued in the form of a scholarship. This motion was seconded by Jessy Shanks and passed. The final details and implementation on this request would be looked at by the junior mentoring committee.

Jim Davis then made a motion to auction off, either at Louisville or the National Sale, the front cover and back cover of the Southdown Journal & Directory and Louisville Preview. A second was given by L.C. Scramlin.

After discussion, it was moved by Barbara Bishop to amend the motion to the inside front cover and inside back cover and back cover. The amendment to the main motion was seconded by Brian Forsee. Amendment to the motion passed, then the amended motion passed.

President McElvain announced the next Board meeting would be held with the National Sale in Eaton, Ohio in May.

With no further business to conduct the motion to adjourn was given by Jessy Shanks and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

May 2015 Mid-Year Meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association

A Board of Directors meeting was held at the Eaton Country Club, in Eaton, Ohio, in conjunction with the National Southdown Sale held on May 8-9th, 2015.

Those directors in attendance were Mike McElvain, Ed Keeney, Jessy Shanks, Jim Davis, J.J. Maddox, Jeff Oldenburg, L.C. Scramlin, and Barbara Bishop. Also participating via conference call were Heath Laber, Scott Flanagan, and John Nixon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Mike McElvain.

It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to approve the minutes of the January 12th, 2015, meeting as distributed. With a second by Jessy Shanks, the motion was approved.

The Executive Secretary then gave a brief financial report to those directors present concerning the first and second quarter of the fiscal year. It was noted that a new computer and computer program to run the registry of sheep was purchased in the second quarter. With this in mind, a motion from L.C. Scramlin and a second from Ed Kenney were made to change the computer line item in the budget to \$6,000.00 in expenses. The motion carried.

Under committee reports, Jim Davis, noted that early entries are arriving for the upcoming futurity kickoff show in Joliet, Illinois. Some very nice prizes had been ordered, and a great show was expected.

Jessy Shanks, of the ambassador committee, noted that four new ambassadors were selected this year for a total of seven ambassadors for this year. A leadership retreat at the University of Tennessee was being planned for the summer.

John Nixon stated that photos of correctly sheared Southdowns that meet our breed fitting criteria had been placed on the Association website.

It was noted by the Executive Secretary that the market lamb futurity had been approved by the executive committee of the North American, but the market lamb scholarship had not received final approval as of this time.

Under Old business, the AI and embryo forms were briefly discussed. It was noted that these forms were not for use of lambs that are on the ground. The \$5.00 fee for storage of paper work was to be taken off the fee schedule.

There was then considerable discussion on whether futurity nominated ewe lambs could receive futurity points from market lamb classes that had both ewe lambs and wethers.

It was moved by Jim Davis that futurity nominated ewe lambs could collect points at market lamb shows and be applied to the ewe lamb futurity. A second was given by Heath Laber. After more discussion, a voice vote was taken. There were 2 in favor of the motion and seven opposed. The motion failed.

It was then moved by L.C. Scramlin that futurity nominated ewe lambs could not collect points in a market lamb show. This was seconded by Ed Keeney, and the motion passed.

The President then stated he would like to form a committee to bring forth rules for a market lamb futurity in 2016. He appointed Jim Davis as chairman and committee members as Heath Laber and Jeff Oldenburg.

It was moved by John Nixon that all futurity nominated ewe lambs meet the same DNA requirements as at the National Show and Sale, which is at least one R, no spider or hairy lamb carriers. This motion was seconded by Jessy Shanks.

Barb Bishop moved to amend the motion to delete reference to the National Sale and require the futurity ewes to meet the National Sale rule. The amendment was seconded and passed. The amended motion was then voted on and passed.

There was then a short discussion on the possibility of a junior coordinator. It was moved by Jim Davis to table the discussion until the informal meeting in Louisville. With a second from L.C. Scramlin, the motion carried.

The President then called for executive session.

After returning from executive session, a motion to adjourn was given by Jim Davis, with a second from J.J. Maddox; the meeting adjourned.

June 2015 Conference Call Summer Meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association

A teleconference call of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held on Monday evening, June 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Those directors in attendance were Mike McElvain, J.J. Maddox, L.C. Scramlin, John Nixon, Patty Abell, Jeff Oldenburg, Ed Keeney, Jim Davis, Heath Laber, Barbara Bishop, Jessy Shanks, and Jeff Repasky. Also on the call was Dan Willoughby of Willoughby Sale Management.

President McElvain called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to accept the minutes of the meeting held in Eaton, Ohio. There was a second by J.J. Maddox, and the minutes were approved.

It was noted by the Executive Secretary that a very busy year was in progress in the Association office. He also noted the online Ambassador sale had been very successful with \$5,421.00 received in commission and donations for use by the Ambassador program.

L.C. Scramlin then gave a brief report on the possibility of a National ASBA Sale to be held next spring in Indiana.

Dan Willoughby of Willoughby Sale Management gave a report on the possibility of using his sale management for the National Sale. He would charge the consignors a 12 ½% commission with 1% going back to the Association. There would be a \$25.00 per head entry fee, and the date being looked at was April 30th, 2016. He would take care of the rental of the facility, judge, ringmen, auctioneer, and clerk expenses, plus would webcast the sale and show for sale order. Several sites have been considered, but the site that appears to be the best is Richmond, Indiana.

After a short discussion, it was moved by L.C. Scramlin to have the National Sale on April 30th, 2016, with Willoughby Sale Management. The motion was seconded by Jeff Oldenburg; motion approved.

With no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn was given by Jessy Shanks and seconded by Jeff Repasky. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2015 INFORMAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The informal meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held on November 13, 2015, in the Board Room of the North American International Livestock

Exposition. The meeting was called to order by President Mike McElvain at 4:45 p.m. at the conclusion of the Southdown market lamb show.

Those directors present included Mike McElvain, Dr. Scott Flanagan, Barbara Bishop, Jim Davis, Brian Forsee, Ed Keeney, Heath Laber, J.J. Maddox, John Nixon, Jeff Oldenburg, L.C. Scramlin, Jessy Shanks, and Kyle Thayer. Also in attendance were several association members.

Curt Overcash and Brett Oelke of Heartland Sale Management gave a short presentation on the success of the 2015 Midwest Stud Ram Sale. Included in the report were past year's statistics on breed averages, which noted this year's sale was the second highest average price recorded. It was also noted that the 1% charge for association would not be deducted unless it was a National Sale. They stated that possible names for judges would certainly be appreciated and considered.

It was also noted that Heartland Sale Management had taken over the roll as superintendent of the sheep show at Louisville.

Kelly Vierck, President of the Ambassador team, introduced those Ambassadors present, which included Kristen Walker, Cassie McConkey, Courtney Lobdell, and Lindsay Watson. They were commended for the wonderful job done this year.

The President called for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting of the board, which was June 15, 2015. It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Brian Forsee, the motion passed.

Kelly Vierck, reported on the successful year of the Ambassador program. Highlights of the year included an online sale with a percent of the sale going to the Ambassador program. This year the sale made over \$5,400. Also, t-shirts were sold by the Ambassador team, and a junior retreat was held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. The Ambassador team held monthly meetings via telephone.

The Executive Secretary then gave a report to the Board on the financial status of the Association. The highlights noted that the cash balance as of October 1, 2014, was \$165,102.22. The operating income for the year was \$112,408.26, less the operating expenses of \$108,919.19. This gives a cash balance as of September 30, 2015, of \$168,591.29. It was moved by Scott Flanagan to accept the report as given and seconded by Jessy Shanks. The motion carried.

L.C. Scramlin, chairman of the 2016 National Sale, noted the sale would be in Richmond, Indiana, on April 30, 2016, and be under the management of Willoughby Sales. After the discussion of the sale and its activities, it was moved by L.C. Scramlin to include a junior futurity kickoff show approximately one hour after the National Sale. This motion was seconded by Brian Forsee and passed.

Barbara Bishop, of the scholarship committee, announced the names of those selected for a \$600 scholarship this year. They were Alyssa Flanagan, Hannah Taylor, Cassie McConkey, and Courtney Lobdell. It was moved by Barbara Bishop to award four scholarships this year. With a second by L.C. Scramlin, the motion passed.

Ed Keeney of the futurity committee noted that \$9,400 would be awarded in the four futurities this year. It has been another good year for the futurity.

Jim Davis, in discussing the futurity, moved to change the wether futurity to a market lamb futurity. With a second from Jessy Shanks, the motion was discussed. The motion included three parts. The buyer of the ewe lamb will determine which category of the futurity in which they will participate. The payout between the breeding and market futurity will be determined by the percentage of forms turned in. Market lambs cannot collect breeding show points. They must show in only market shows.

It was moved by Barbara Bishop to amend the motion to say the seller designates the category to which a lamb can be shown in. Plus strike the line concerning the payout be determined by the percentage of forms turned in. This was seconded by Scott Flanagan.

After discussion, the motion to amend the motion failed by a vote of 7 to 5. The main motion was then voted on and passed.

Heath Laber moved to have another Ambassador online sale on April 18, 2016. Seconded by Jeff Oldenburg, the motion passed.

It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to have an AJSA mentoring program and have an adult leader with each mentor group. This was seconded by Scott Flanagan. The motion passed.

Sarina Rincker of the electronic and print communications committee reported that the website has become invaluable in the communication with the membership.

Brian Forsee reported that 34 head of ewes are consigned to the Stars Sale. There are 265 head of Southdowns entered in the National Show to be held on Tuesday.

It was moved by Brian Forsee and seconded by Barbara Bishop to have the 2016 National Show in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Show. The motion passed.

Ed Keeney reported on the success of the 2015 National Junior Show held in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The show was held in conjunction with the All-American Junior Show and had the largest number of entries of any breed. He especially wanted to thank Claudette Choma for all her help with the show.

Ed Keeney moved to have the 2016 National Junior Show with the All-American show in East Lansing, Michigan. Brian Forsee seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Heath Laber moved to designate the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival, the San Diego County Fair, and the Eastern States Exposition shows as regional junior shows in 2016. Seconded by Kyle Thayer, the motion passed.

Then Kyle Thayer moved to designate the Eastern States Exposition Open Southdown Show as the 2016 Eastern National Regional Show. Heath Laber seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Dr. Scott Flanagan then gave a report to the Board on the genetic makeup of the genetic defects in the Southdown population according to data from Gene Check. Also looked at was the projected 10 year economic impact of ectodermal dysplasia within the breed.

Scott Flanagan then presented the proposed budget for the Association in year 2016. After discussion on all line items, it was moved by Scott Flanagan to have no charge for web links. Seconded by Heath Laber, the motion carried. The proposed budget was then moved to be accepted by Kyle Thayer, and seconded by J.J. Maddox. Motion passed.

Scott Flanagan also brought up the possibility of an endowment proposal for the Bloch/Repasky monies. It is to be studied closer, and the President will appoint a committee to explore this issue.

Under new business, it was stated by the president that two people had been approached to work with the junior program. One individual, Amy Powell, would be the coordinator between the Board and the Ambassador program. She would continue to guide the Ambassador program as she had done so well this past year. The other person, Megan Nielson, would be working on the many ways of communicating electronically within the junior program. Amy's expenses will be covered for her services, not to exceed \$3,000, and Megan will be paid \$100 per month.

It was moved by Scott Flanagan to authorize both individuals to begin their responsibilities. Seconded by Kyle Thayer, the motion passed.

It was then moved by Scott Flanagan to modify the Southdown standards of excellence by adding the following:

1. Under the "Back and Loin" section, add the sentence, Animals that exhibit unnatural muscling of the rack and shortened loin associated with the callipyge mutation should be discriminated against.
2. Under the "hindquarters" section, add the sentence, Animals that exhibit a tendency toward a steep hip and unnatural muscling of the leg associated with the callipyge mutation should be discriminated against.
3. Under the "general" section, add the sentence, Southdowns that exhibit evidence of the callipyge mutation should be discriminated against due to long-standing and well documented problems related to carcass quality that carry a negative industry bias.

This motion was seconded by Kyle Thayer and passed by the entire Board without objection.

In further business it was noted by the president that he would appoint a committee to look at a policy covering communication with Association members.

The idea of a showmanship futurity program was discussed briefly, but no action was taken on the idea.

It was then noted by Jim Davis, chairman of the nomination committee that all six individuals with terms expiring in 2015 have consented to run for another term on the Board of Directors.

Those individuals with region and district are:

Region 2, District 2 Jeff Repasky
Region 2, District 3 J. J. Maddox
Region 2, At Large Barbara Bishop
Region 2, At Large Jeff Oldenburg
Region 3, District 1 Jim Davis
Region 3, At Large Mike McElvain

Jim Davis also reported that his committee's recommendation for judge of the National Show in 2016 include Clay Elliot, Brad Ellerbrock, and Riley Cabaniss. Other names added by the board included Matt Scramlin and Billy Wade.

The President then asked the board to vote for three choices in their order of preference. The three names to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting are to be Matt Scramlin, Billy Wade, and Riley Cabaniss.

The nominating committee then recommended the name of John Shroyer as judge of the National Sale in 2016. Other names suggested by the board members were Kyle Thayer, Sarah Kuykendall, Brad Angus, and Billy Wade. The board then voted to have Brad Angus as judge of the National Sale with Sarah Kuykendall as second choice.

It was suggested by the nominating committee to have Dr. Mike Bishop judge the National Junior Show. It was agreed upon with no other nominations.

The board members decided to suggest the name of Brad Ellerbrock as judge of Southdowns at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale.

It was decided by the Board to suggest the three following names for judge of the junior show in Louisville. They are Travis Hoffman, Kyle Thayer, and Aaron Jennings.

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was given by Jessy Shanks and seconded by Jeff Oldenburg. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The 133rd annual meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 14, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike McElvain at 7:15 p.m. after a very successful mixer and gathering of Southdown friends and family from across the country.

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

J.J. Maddox, of the proxy committee, noted that 21 proxies had been received, verified, and properly distributed.

The executive secretary then read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. It was moved by Brian Forsee to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Lynn Kuhn, and the motion passed.

Under old business, it was noted by the Stars Sale chairman, Brian Forsee, that there was an overall average of nearly \$1,400 on all ewes at the recently held sale. He wished to thank all those that continue to consign high quality ewes to the Stars Sale.

Brian Forsee also noted the 2016 National Show would be held at the North American next year.

L.C. Scramlin, of the National Sale committee, reminded all that the 2016 National Sale would be held the last weekend in April next year in Richmond, Indiana. The sale will be under the management of W Livestock. Also, a futurity kickoff show for all juniors would be held after the National Sale.

Ed Keeney, of the futurity committee, commented on the very successful futurity held again this year. The final results would be determined tomorrow at the conclusion of the junior show.

Ed also commented on the very successful National Junior Show held with the All-American show at the Big E complex. He wished to thank Claudette Choma and Kyle Thayer for their help with this great event.

Under new business, Jim Davis of the nomination committee gave his report to fill districts with terms expiring in 2015. They are:

Region 2, District 2 Jeff Repasky
Region 2, District 3 J.J. Maddox
Region 2, At Large Barbara Bishop
Region 2, At Large Jeff Oldenburg
Region 3, District 1 Jim Davis
Region 3, At Large Mike McElvain

With no further nominations, it was moved by Rodney Knittel that nominations close; it was seconded by Jessy Shanks. The motion passed.

It was moved by Aaron Jennings that all directors be elected by acclamation. With a second by Jessy Shanks, the motion carried.

Possible judges for the 2016 National Show were announced by the President. They were Riley Cabaniss, Billy Wade, and Matt Scramlin. Other names suggested from the membership present were Brad Angus and Jim Davis.

It was moved by Lee Donald Olson that nominations close, with a second by Lynn Kuhn. The motion passed.

The President then asked each member to vote for their choice of one individual to judge the 2016 National Show.

As votes were being counted, it was announced that a scholarship amount of \$1,000 for champion Southdown wether, and \$500 for reserve champion Southdown wether were given at the conclusion of the Southdown market show held at the North American.

Other board decisions were that ewe lambs will be allowed in the market lamb futurity in 2016. The junior exhibitor will be able to designate at their first show whether the ewe lamb points will be counted toward the market futurity or the breeding futurity.

The President noted that the Ambassadors are our pride and keep our breed strong. Our junior program continues to flourish with 358 head entered in the junior show tomorrow. In 2016, our Ambassador ewe lamb sale will be April 18, 2016, and a junior mentoring program will begin in the coming year.

At this time the count for the top three prospective judges of the 2016 National Show were announced as Jim Davis, Matt Scramlin, and Billy Wade. The membership was asked to again vote for their choice of a judge.

As these votes were being counted, it was noted that the standard of excellence has been changed to reflect the Board's unanimous decision concerning the calligype gene.

Also, the president will appoint a committee to look into the best way to utilize our junior funds in the Bloch/Repasky accounts.

At this time it was announced that Billy Wade was the first choice for judge, with Matt Scramlin as the second choice.

L.C. Scramlin wished to remind all that the 2016 National Junior Show will be held at Michigan State University over the 4th of July weekend. He encouraged all to put this event on their calendar.

With no further business for the membership to conduct, a motion by Rodney Knittel to adjourn was given. With a second from Jessy Shanks, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The reorganizational meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 14, 2015.

President Mike McElvain called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and asked for any business.

Barbara Bishop moved that we reelect the current President and Vice-President for the coming year, which would be Mike McElvain as President and Scott Flanagan as Vice-President. L. C. Scramlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the directors.

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:51.