

INFORMAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The informal meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held November 11, 2016, in the South Wing board room of the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.

President Mike McElvain called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following directors present:

L.C. Scramlin, Ed Keeney, Barbara Bishop, Scott Flanagan, Patty Abell, Jeff Oldenburg, Jim Davis, Brian Forsee, J.J. Maddox, and Jessy Shanks. John Nixon and Heath Laber were listening via conference phone. Also present were Megan Nielson and Curt Overcash who addressed the board and several members of the association.

Curt Overcash, representing Heartland Sale Management, reported that the Southdown average at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale was \$897 this year, with numbers consigned and the sale average increased over the previous year. He invited the board to designate the Midwest Stud Ram Sale as the National Southdown Sale and listened to constructive comments to improve the sale.

It was moved by Brian Forsee to accept the published minutes of the last meeting of the ASBA Board of Directors, which was April 29, 2016. Seconded by Jessy Shanks, the motion passed.

Executive Secretary Gary Jennings then gave a financial report to the board on the past fiscal year. It was noted the cash balance as of October 1, 2015, was \$168,591.29. The operating income for the past fiscal year was \$112,781.04 and the operating expenses were \$101,882.85. This leaves a cash balance as of September 30, 2016, of \$179,489.48. Each line-item on the expenses and income for the budget was presented to the board of directors. It was moved by Patty Abell and seconded by Jim Davis to accept the financial report as given. The motion carried.

Turning to committee reports, L.C. Scramlin, of the National Sale committee, reported on the success of the National Southdown Sale held in Indiana this past April. The national sale would again be in Indiana on the same weekend in 2017, but that there could be the possibility of moving the location of the sale to another county fairground.

It was moved by Brian Forsee to sponsor a Futurity Kickoff Junior Show after the 2017 national sale just as in past years. With a second by J.J. Maddox, the motion passed.

Brian Forsee also brought up the possibility of a Southdown educational clinic for the youth at the show. With this in mind, it was moved by Brian that the president appoint a committee to look into this educational opportunity for Southdown youth. Jessy Shanks seconded the motion, and it passed.

Barbara Bishop of the scholarship committee reported that three \$600 scholarships will be given at the annual meeting this year. Those recipients are Hannah Schultz of Wisconsin, Casey Lobdell of Wisconsin, and Mackenzie Padgett of Indiana.

J.J. Maddox of the nomination committee presented a list of possible names for show and sale judges in 2017. From this list and other suggestions from the board, the following actions were taken:

It was moved by L.C. Scramlin to present the names of Brad Angus, Jeff Held, Travis Hoffman, and Judy Moore to the membership at the annual meeting as possible judges of the 2017 National Southdown Show. This motion was seconded by Jessy Shanks and approved by the board.

It was suggested and voted on to have Aaron Jennings as first choice of the 2017 National Southdown Sale. The second choice was Brad Angus, and the third choice was Brad Ellerbrock.

It was moved by Jim Davis to have the same judge of the National Southdown Sale judge the Futurity Kickoff Show. With a second by J.J. Maddox, the motion failed.

Other futurity kickoff judge suggestions were John Jones, Stacy Scramlin, Emily Kuhn, and Ricky Burns. After voting, the first choice judge was Stacy Scramlin, with the second choice being John Jones.

Two names were suggested for judge of Southdowns at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. The first choice is Jason Simpson and second choice is Conner Newsom.

Two names to present to the All-American Show as judges were Skip Anderson and Travis Hoffman.

Courtney Lobdell of the ambassador team reported on activities of the ambassadors during the past year. They included a scavenger hunt, root beer floats and an ambassador training at the All-American Show. Also, a letter had been sent out to junior members to make them aware of opportunities in the junior association. Luggage tags with the AJSA logo had been ordered and will be sent to each new member of the junior association.

Courtney also reported that information for the mentoring program has been finalized and will be available on the website. T-shirts will be given to those involved in the mentoring program.

Here in Louisville, the ambassadors will be hosting an event for the youth after the mixer, helping with the skillathon, and putting together the display board for the association.

She noted the date of the Ambassador On-line Sale will be April 17th.

Finally, the ambassadors are working on a You-tube fitting demonstration to have on-line for all to reference. This should be ready by next spring.

L.C. Scramlin moved to approve the Ambassador On-line Sale with the date being April 17, 2017. With a second by J.J. Maddox, the motion passed. The president will appoint a committee to help with the sale.

In discussing the electronic and print communication committee report, the board noted that Lisa Reiff will no longer be the editor of the ASBA publications. She was commended for an excellent publication that was always on time and represented the breed well.

It was noted that Sarina Rincker would again be willing to help with the association website.

Brian Forsee, chairman of the stars sale committee, stated his committee would start paint branding and collecting registry papers tomorrow morning, November 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Brian Forsee next moved that the National Southdown Show again be held at the North American Livestock Show. With a second by Patty Abell, the motion passed.

Ed Keeney moved the All-American Show be designated the 2017 National Junior Show. Jeff Oldenburg seconded the motion, and it passed.

It was moved by Scott Flanagan that the San Diego County Fair and Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival be designated as regional shows in 2017. The motion was seconded by Brian Forsee and passed.

Megan Nielson was complimented for the excellent job she had done in the past year with the junior spotlights and state features in The Banner Sheep Magazine, the American Southdown Breeders' website, and on Facebook.

Jim Davis, chairman of the Production and Mentoring Program, stated both programs will be on the association website and will be introduced tomorrow night at the annual meeting.

Scott Flanagan, chairman of the budget committee, then gave his proposal for the budget of fiscal year 2016-2017. After some discussion, it was stated by Brian Forsee that the executive secretary's gross salary be the same as in the past year. A health care allowance will be incorporated into other compensation. This allowance will be subject to the approval of the health policy. With this in mind, a motion to accept the proposed budget was given by Scott Flanagan and seconded by L.C. Scramlin. The motion passed.

There was then discussion on updating a promotional brochure for the breed. After discussion, it was moved by Barbara Bishop, that the breed standards be printed separately from the promotional piece. With a second by Jessy Shanks, the motion passed.

It was then moved by L.C. Scramlin that a new promotional brochure be printed in the coming year. It was seconded by Scott Flanagan and the motion passed.

Dr. Flanagan also gave his updated review of the genetic makeup of the breed and the percent of Southdowns testing for the spider lamb, hairy lamb, and callipyge genetic defect. The incident of ectodermal dysplasia percentage has decreased and hereditary chondrodysplasia remains constant. This was the first year data has been collected on callipyge.

Under new business, the ownership of sheep at the All-American Show was discussed, as to whether it should be in a "junior only" name or a family or farm name. It was moved by J.J. Maddox to amend the policy and procedure book to follow ownership rules of the National Junior Southdown Show, which would supersede ownership rules at the All-American Show. It was seconded by Barbara Bishop and passed.

Mike McElvain then moved that the \$1,500 awarded for the champion and reserve champion Southdown market lamb scholarships at the North American come from the general funds. This was seconded by Scott Flanagan. After much discussion, it was moved by Brian Forsee to amend the main motion by stating the funds for 2017 would be awarded in the name of the association, but would be funded with private donations. The amendment was seconded by Jim Davis. The amendment to the main motion was voted on and passed. The amended main motion was then voted on and passed.

J.J. Maddox then reported that all current directors up for reelection had agreed to serve another term with the exception of Region 4 District 3. The name of Claudette Choma was recommended for that position by the nomination committee. It was moved by Barbara Bishop and seconded by Ed Keeney to accept the recommendations of the committee. Motion passed.

With no further business to conduct, the informal meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jennings
Executive Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The 134th annual meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held on November 12, 2016, in the south wing of the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky.

After a very well-attended mixer and announcements of the results of the Southdown skillathon, scholarship recipients, the Spirit of the Breed recipient, Frank Sexton of Ohio, and a brief PowerPoint and overview of the year highlighting numbers of sheep registered, top ten recorders, transfers of ownership, new members, and the current cash balance for the fiscal year 2015-2016, President Mike McElvain called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

It was announced that the proxy and nomination committees had been previously approved and were functioning.

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

Executive Secretary Gary Jennings then read the minutes of the last annual meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association.

President McElvain then called for old business. Brian Forsee of the 2016 Stars of Louisville Sale committee reported that the sale average for this year's event had been \$1,184. He thanked the consignors for bringing another great group of sheep.

L.C. Scramlin, chairman of the National Southdown Sale, stated that the national sale this year had been very successful with an average of \$1299 on 80 head consigned. The national sale will again be held in Indiana on the last Saturday of April in 2017.

Barbara Bishop invited all to attend the 2017 National Southdown Junior Show held in conjunction with the All-American show in Madison, Wisconsin, over the fourth of July weekend.

Amy Pederson supervised the Junior Southdown Ambassador program this past year and reported that the ambassadors had sent letters to junior members across the country, had purchased luggage tags with the AJSA logo to give to new members, had developed a junior brochure, had written educational articles, and were looking at a mentoring program. The details of the mentoring program will be on the American Southdown Breeders' Association website to give a direct channel of information to new members and those interested in raising Southdowns.

The association president noted that the details of the production contest will also be on the association website and will be excellent for those juniors that may not have the time or resources to participate in shows. This contest will be open to all junior members.

Calling for new business, the following names were announced to fill districts in 2016:

Region 1 District 2	John Nixon
Region 2 District 1	Dr. Scott Flanagan
Region 3 District 3	Jessy Shanks
Region 3 At Large	Brian Forsee
Region 4 District 3	Claudette Choma

With no further nominations, it was moved by Patty Abell to cast a unanimous ballot for these individuals. Seconded by Aaron Jennings, the motion passed.

President McElvain then announced the following names as possible judges of the 2017 National Southdown Show:

Brad Angus
Jeff Held
Travis Hoffman
Judy Moore

Upon the president asking for additional names, Barbara Bishop nominated Jeff Neal.

The membership was then asked to vote for one of the five names submitted to judge the national show. The two names receiving the most votes would again be voted on to determine a judge.

As votes were being counted President McElvain noted the following upcoming events in 2017:

National Southdown Sale to be held in Indiana in April
National Junior Southdown Show to be held during the All-American
National Southdown Show to be held in conjunction with the NAILE

A special thanks was also given to Lisa Reiff for her excellent work as editor of the Southdown publications.

The membership was then asked to vote for either Brad Angus or Travis Hoffman to serve as judge of the 2017 National Southdown Show.

As votes were being counted, it was noted that at the 2017 National Junior Show all sheep would need to be in the junior's name or in a junior member sibling partnership.

Additionally it was announced that the San Diego County Fair and the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival had been selected as regional shows for 2017.

It was then announced that Brad Angus was the first choice of a judge for the 2017 National Southdown Show.

At this time, Matt Scramlin auctioneered off a Southdown wool afghan donated by Sue Ann Carpenter of Michigan. The afghan sold for \$350 to the Forsee family of Kentucky.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jennings
Executive Secretary

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The reorganizational meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held immediately following the annual meeting of the association. Those directors present were Patty Abell, J. J. Maddox, Jim Davis, Brian Forsee, Jessy Shanks, Ed Keeney, Claudette Choma, L. C. Scramlin, Barbara Bishop, Mike McElvain, and Scott Flanagan.

President Mike McElvain called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and asked for nominations for president.

It was moved by Barbara Bishop to nominate Scott Flanagan as president. Brian Forsee seconded the motion.

It was moved by L. C. Scramlin to cast a unanimous ballot. With a second by Patty Abell, the motion passed unanimously.

President Flanagan then welcomed Claudette Choma to the ASBA Board of Directors.

It was then moved by L.C. Scramlin that J.J. Maddox be selected the Vice-President. With a second by Patty Abell, the motion passed unanimously.

President Flanagan then asked for direction by those present about committee appointments as he would like to place people on committees about which they feel passionate.

With no further business to conduct, it was moved by Patty Abell to adjourn. With a second by J.J. Maddox, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jennings
Executive Secretary