

INFORMAL MEETING  
OF THE  
AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

November 12, 2021

North American International Livestock Exposition

Louisville, Kentucky

President Jim Davis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m, with the following Board members present: Jeff Repasky, Scott Flanagan, Patty Abell, Ed Keeny, Barbara Bishop, Claudette Choma, Troy Lobdell, Jeff Oldenburg, Mike McElvain, Mike Crowder, Kelly Wright, L.C. Scramlin, Brian Forsee, & J.J. Maddox.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last informal meeting was given by Jeff Oldenburg, and with a second by Patty Abell, the motion was approved.

The Executive Secretary was then asked to give a report on the financial status of the Association, going over the expenses and income for the past fiscal year. Each line item in the budget was given. It was noted that as of October 1, 2020, the cash balance was \$197,089.55, our operating income was \$142,467.98 and our operating expenses were \$123,049.48. This gives a cash balance as of September 30, 2021 of \$216,508.05. The financial report of the past fiscal year was approved as submitted.

It was then moved by Barbara Bishop to call for an executive session, with the exception of the Executive Secretary. With a second that was given by Patty Abell, the motion was approved and the Board of Directors went into Executive Session.

Patty Abell moved at 5:45 to come out of Executive session. A second was given by J.J. Maddox, and this motion passed.

It was then moved by Patty Abell to extend an offer as Executive Secretary to Ann Fry. A second was given by Mike Crowder and the motion was passed unanimously.

Committee reports were then called for:

Barbara Bishop of the scholarship committee, noted that three scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to Olivia Scuderi, Carson Lobdell, and Avery Flanagan.

Troy Lobdell of the futurity committee, stated that the numbers in the futurity had increased this year after the lower numbers of last year. The final results of this year's futurity would be tabulated during the classes of the junior show on Sunday, with awards to be presented at that time.

Ed Keeny of the showmanship futurity, noted that winners of each division would receive buckles this year. They would be presented at the social on Saturday evening.

Mike Crowder of the nomination committee, stated that each of the directors up for reelection had agreed to serve another term with the exception of Jeff Oldenburg of Oklahoma. He had contacted Dan Smerchek of Wisconsin to run for the at large position currently held by Jeff Oldenburg.

Names to be presented to the North American for a judge of the 2022 junior show were, Josh Kouns, Jimmy Davis, and Mark Hoge.

Names to be voted on at the annual meeting for the judge of the 2022 open show were Brent Jennings, Bart Cardwell, JJ Maddox, and Marvin Ensor.

Claudette Choma of the proxy committee, informed the Board that she had 4 proxies that have been received and approved. They would be distributed at the annual meeting.

L.C. Scramlin reported on the National Sale held this past May. It was a great sale with excellent numbers. Southdowns posted the high average of all breeds, with the champion ram bringing \$9,000 and the champion ewe \$3,000.

Dan Willoughby then spoke to the Board concerning the possibility of hosting the National Sale in 2022. It was also noted that the Ohio Southdown Association had requested the National Sale for 2022.

After discussion on sale sites and dates to host, it was moved by Jeff Oldenburg to have the National Sale in Lebanon, Indiana with WLivestock Sale Services on the date of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, with the Sale would be a junior show. The Ohio Sale would be designed the Midwest Regional Sale. This motion was seconded by Brian Forsee. The President asked for a show of hands, with the motion passing by a vote of 6-4.

Barbara Bishop of the National Junior Show committee, reported on the great success of the 2021 National Junior Show held in Springfield, Illinois. It was the largest Southdown junior show ever held with a few head short of 500 exhibited. The 2022 All-American show will be held at the Big E complex in West Springfield, Massachusetts. She noted that Tim Gadsby and Troy Longenecker were two of the judges for the coming event that had been confirmed.

It was then moved by Barbara Bishop to designate the 2022 All-American show as the National Junior Show for the Southdown breed. With a second by Claudette Choma, this motion passed.

Stephanie Formo, then reported on the AJSA Leadership program. She noted that shows had gone well this past year. As far as the junior pamphlet, it would include pertinent information on the breed and the junior association. Also, included would be a section on how to register sheep and genetic testing. This would be ready for Board approval at the next zoom meeting of the Board.

Other thoughts included doing a T-shirt again for the juniors and to bring back the Ambassador program.

The President then asked for new business.

Barbara Bishop moved to designate the North American as the 2022 National Show. With a second by Jeff Repasky, this motion passed.

Jeff Oldenburg then moved to designate four regional shows in 2022. Those being the Maryland State Fair, North East Youth Show, Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival, and Great Plains Junior Show. Each show would receive \$300 from the Association. With a second by Mike Crowder this motion passed.

The market lamb show at the North American was then discussed. It was noted that the scholarships were not deleted from the premium book as requested. With that in mind, it was moved by Brian

Forsee to award the scholarships, if the exhibitors meet the requirements as designated in the premium book. With a second by Jeff Oldenbug, this motion passed.

Dr. Scott Flanagan, then gave a detailed report on the genetic issues in the Southdown breed. Data had been received by Gene Check on the number of lambs tested for Hairy Lamb, Spider Lamb, Callipyge, and Dwarfism. Each category included numbers of lambs tested and the numbers that were tested positive.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Barbara Bishop to adopt the same policy for Dwarfism as with other genetic issues, using the same wording, and at the same National sponsored shows and sales, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. A second was given by Jeff Repasky. Motion passed.

It was then moved to amend the motion with the show policy to be adopted on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023. This amended motion was seconded by Scott Flanagan. Motion carried.

Ed Keeny, then brought up the idea of adding a “bred and owned” division to the futurity program. After discussion, it was decided to address this possible addition to the futurity program at the January zoom meeting.

The budget was discussed briefly and would be further discussed at the reorganizational meeting.

Claudette Choma encouraged all to attend the National Junior Show in West Springfield, Massachusetts this coming summer.

With no further business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.