

ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The 140<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association was held on November 12, 2022, at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky.

L.C. Scramlin came forward and gave a prayer before the remainder of the meeting.

Stephanie Formo, junior coordinator, gave out skillathon, Showdowns and speaking contest awards to the highest placing youth in the junior, intermediate, and senior divisions of those contests.

Barbara Bishop, of the scholarship committee, announced the three recipients of the \$1,000 scholarships for the year. They are Shaylee Maddox of Oklahoma, Clay Schoen of Ohio, and Olivia Quincy Wiegand of Missouri.

President Jim Davis called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m

At this time the Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the past annual meeting. It was moved by Rodney Knittel and seconded by Brad Howe that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed.

The Executive Secretary then gave a brief financial report of the Association. Included in the report were registrations by states, top ten recorders, transfers by states, Board of Directors, and balance sheet. In summary, it was noted that the cash balance as of September 30, 2022 was \$222,705.85 and total liabilities were \$10,175 for a new worth of \$212,530.85. The operating income for the year was \$192,532.55 and operating expenses were \$191,683.87.

A motion to accept the financial report was given by Aaron Jennings and seconded by Jessy Shanks. Motion passed.

It was reported 17 proxies had been approved and properly distributed.

Dan Smerchek presented the 2021 National Southdown Show report. 216 head were exhibited under judge Matt Scramlin of Michigan. He also reported the 2022 Stars of Louisville Sale was a very successful sale. 38 lots sold for an average of \$1,457. Howard Southdowns had the high-selling ewe with their bred yearling ewe selling for \$6,500.

L.C. Scramlin, of the National Sale committee, reported on the success of the 2022 National Sale held in Indiana. Southdowns had a very good sale average of \$1,538, with the high selling ram bringing \$6,000 and high selling ewe selling for \$5,200. The 2023 National Southdown Sale will be in Greenville, Ohio, held May 11-13 with the Ohio Showcase Sale.

Barb Bishop, of the National Jr. Show committee, informed all the 2023 All-American Junior Show would also be the National Southdown Jr. Show. The show will be in Madison, Wisconsin, over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Troy Lobdell, of the futurity committee, stated there were 115 fall ewe nominations, 232 spring ewe lamb nominations, 5 market lamb nominations and 47 yearling ewe nominations. There were points turned in from 14 fall ewes, 20 spring ewes, 5 market lambs, and 21 yearlings. He shared the Board had voted the previous day to expand the futurity classifications to include early and late falls, January, February, and March ewe lambs. He also reminded everyone the forms could now be completed and submitted online.

Ed Keeny, of the DNA committee, shared the DNA committee had sent out a membership survey that received positive feedback. The DNA committee presented to the Board of Directors some changes to the current DNA standards in the Polices and Procedures manual that would be effective Jan. 1, 2023. The changes would be published at a later date.

In new business, three directors were running unopposed. L.C. Scramlin moved to accept the three unopposed directors. JJ Maddox seconded and the motion passed.

For the Region 3 At Large position, Brian Forsee was seeking re-election. Ricky Burns was nominated by Miles Krieger from the floor. Brian Forsee was elected by membership vote.

For the Region 2, District 1 position, Aaron Jennings and Corie Stiles were nominated. Aaron Jennings was elected by membership vote.

As the votes were being counted, Jim Davis announced Sue Ann Carpenter had been chosen as the Spirit of the Breed Award recipient for 2022.

The committee recommendations for judges of the 2022 National Show were announced. Those being, in no particular order, Steven Anderson, Marvin Ensor, Alex Wolf, Adam Heffelfinger, Greg Ahart and Kyle Thayer and Terry Burks. The membership present was asked to vote for their choice as a judge.

As votes were being counted Jim Davis shared some of the decisions from the previous day's Board of Directors meeting.

It was then announced that the judge of the 2023 National Show would be Alex Wolf of Ohio, with second choice being Marvin Ensor, and third choice of Greg Ahart.

Ed Keeny presented Jim Davis with a ram statue as a thank you for his years as President.

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was given by Mark Johnson and seconded by Jessy Shanks. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.