

Informal Meeting of the
American Southdown Breeders' Association
November 11, 2022

President Jim Davis called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m., with the following Board of Directors members present: Barbara Bishop, Brian Forsee, Claudette Choma, Ed Keeny, Kelly Wright, Patty Abell, JJ Maddox, Dan Smerchek, Jessy Shanks, and Troy Lobdell. Mike McElvain and Mike Crowder joined via Zoom. Richard Burns, Ricky Burns and Stephanie Formo were also in attendance.

A motion to approve the minutes from the July zoom meeting was given by Brian Forsee and seconded by Jessy Shanks. The motion passed.

The Executive Secretary gave the financial report. It was stated as of September 30, 2022, there was a checking account total of \$118,985.11. The total CD amount was \$101,948.02. The total expenditures from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, were \$191,683.87, and total income was \$192,532.55 for a net gain of \$848.68. L.C. Scramlin moved to accept the financial report as presented. Jessy Shanks seconded, and the motion passed.

Barbara Bishop presented the scholarship report. Shaylee Maddox of Oklahoma, Clay Schoen of Ohio, and Quincy Wiegand of Missouri were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships for 2022.

Troy Lobdell then gave the Futurity committee report. He reported the number of participants were low and asked how to encourage participation. The group suggested reminding juniors of the payouts available and to keep turning in points throughout the year.

Stephanie Formo highlighted junior activities next. She reported 33 kids turned in points for the Showdowns program. Some participants had asked about receiving double points for ASBA shows. It was decided the committee would look at the point scale. This also brought up a discussion for the Futurity committee to re-examine the Futurity point scale, as well as set up a spot check system to check the class sizes on the submission forms. Dan Smerchek encouraged promotion of the winners and positives of each program to increase participation. Jeff Repasky asked about making the All-American and NAILE double points for either Futurity or Showdowns. Futurity and Showdowns committees will put together proposals to be discussed at a later meeting.

Mike Crowder submitted the nominations for the Open and Junior shows at NAILE for 2023. Nominations for the open show were Marvin Ensor, Kyle Thayer and Terry Burks. These names will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Nominations from the committee for the Junior Show were Aaron Jennings, Cruz Nichols and Greg Ahart. Evan Snyder was nominated from the floor. Patty Abell moved to close nominations. Jeff Repasky seconded. Brian Forsee moved the Board members would vote to determine the order of the junior show judges. JJ Maddox seconded, and the motion passed. The votes were counted, and Evan Snyder, Greg Ahart and Aaron Jennings were first, second, and third choice, respectively.

Claudette Choma reported there were 17 proxies and all had been approved.

L.C. Scramlin reported on the 2022 National Southdown Sale, held in Noblesville, Indiana, in April. 96 Head were sold for an average of \$1,538. Grand Champion Ram was shown by Oldenburg Farms, Reserve Grand Champion Ram was shown by KDK Southdowns, Grand Champion Ewe was shown by Maddox Southdowns, and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe was shown by Howard Southdowns. The High-Selling ewe was sold by Jordyn Leininger for \$5,200, and the High-Selling Ram was sold by KDK Southdowns for \$6,000. The board voted in a previous meeting to hold the 2023 National Sale with the Ohio Showcase Sale in Greenville, Ohio, on May 11-13.

Dan Smerchek reported on the 2021 National Show at NAILE as well as the 2021 Stars Sale. 216 head were exhibited in 2021 at the National Southdown Show judged by Matt Scramlin of Michigan. The gross proceeds from the 2021 Stars Sale were \$45,600. Expenses were \$40,461 for a net income of \$5,139. It was also reported the Stars Sale is now its own account. The management for the Stars Sale will be discussed at the January board meeting.

Barbara Bishop gave the 2022 National Jr. Show report, which was held in conjunction with the All-American Junior Show. 290 head were shown under judge Dustin Cruitt. Kailen Smerchek was awarded Supreme Ewe overall with her Champion Southdown Ewe, and Drew George won the Southdown Top Gun and the Premier Exhibitor awards. The 2023 All-American Junior Show will be held at the Alliant Center in Madison, Wisconsin, with Brad Ellerbrock as the judge for the Southdown ring.

Stephanie Formo gave a report for the junior programs. She stated the online fundraiser sale will be held the day after Easter in 2023 with Integrity Livestock Sales. Details have not been finalized, but there is still a plan to host a Preview show after the National Sale in May. She also reported on the success of the mentorship program between Jr. Board members and new families at The Classic and All-American. The webcast will be brought back for The Classic, which will be held in Richmond, Indiana, June 9-11, 2023. Clay Schoen, Jr. Board President, also talked about the speaking contest to be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, at NAILE, and looking at including a fitting contest and showmanship clinic next summer. During Stephanie's report it was also confirmed every junior must pay junior membership dues and adults must pay senior membership dues.

The DNA committee report was given next by Ed Keeny. He reported the committee met several times and sent out a survey to the membership. The survey came back with positive feedback, especially for asking for members' opinions. He presented the committee's changes to the DNA standards in the Policies and Procedures. These changes included adding The Classic weekend shows as shows where animals needed to meet the DNA standards, pulling DNA samples on Junior and Reserve Champion Ewes and Rams, and removing a registration paper on any ram or ewe that tests as an FD carrier. This inspired much lively discussion among the Board members. Brian Forsee moved to pass the proposal with the amendment a phrase be added that no animals going forward could be registered from an animal who had the paper removed from the association. Jeff Repasky seconded the motion, and it passed.

Ed Keeny then presented a DNA Plus program the DNA committee had proposed. A sample registration paper was presented to the Board for animals qualifying for this program. This would be a strictly voluntary program, and DNA results must be sent to the ASBA office to qualify. Troy Lobdell moved to accept the DNA Plus program, and Dan Smerchek seconded the motion. It passed.

The directors were then asked to review the proposed budget. Ed Keeny pointed out the Stars Sale and the Futurity will be reported separately going forward. Brian asked that the previous year be included on

the financial reports. Kelly Wright moved to accept the budget as presented. Dan Smerchek seconded, and the motion passed.

Brian Forsee moved to host the 2023 National Southdown Show at NAILE. Patty Abell seconded. The motion passed.

Dan Smerchek moved to host the 2023 National Junior Show at the All-American Jr. Show. Troy Lobdell seconded. The motion passed.

Three regional show requests were given from the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, Maryland State Fair, and the Great Plains Jr. Breeding Sheep Show. Patty Abell moved to approve the requested regional shows, and Claudette Choma seconded. The motion passed.

Ann Fry asked the Board their thoughts on the NAILE matching funds. The association lost money on the NAILE premiums last year, and the office had many questions on why we collected them. Brian Forsee said it started so our association offered the highest premiums in the Open Show. Dan Smerchek mentioned premiums may not mean as much as they did when the policy was first put in place. Jeff Repasky said no more work should be done until the funds are collected for the people who still owed. It was decided to re-evaluate the NAILE matching funds at the January meeting.

Brian Forsee then brought up a list of judges we could put together to have for show managers and our nominating committee. The list would be evaluated every 6 months and names could be added or deleted. A committee was created to manage the list. Committee members include Dan Smerchek, Mike Crowder, Jeff Repasky and Brian Forsee. It was also discussed we needed to put together a range of acceptable breed standards that we could share with judges, show managers and college judging teams.

Dan Smerchek proposed a rule there be no team showmanship on ewes for kids older than 8. After some discussion, the proposal was dropped.

Troy Lobdell presented a proposal for a change in the current Futurity rules. The proposal was that if a ewe won her division, her points would be calculated on the largest class in that division. If a ewe wins overall champion, her points would be calculated on the largest class in the ewe show. The group decided to let the Futurity committee consider the point scale and the best way to handle the points. Brian Forsee said the point of the Futurity was to sell sheep, so maybe we should split up the futurity into more classes. Troy Lobdell moved to add Early and Late Fall, January, February and March Ewe Lamb Futurity classifications. Kelly Wright seconded, and the motion passed.

JJ Maddox moved to allow the Executive Secretary to send any submitted Christened Names to the Executive Committee for review before accepting the name(s). Brian Forsee seconded, and the motion passed.

With no further business, JJ Maddox moved to adjourn the meeting. Claudette seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.