

Arkansas State Sheep Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2013 – Conway

Mike Reynolds, Vice – President, called the meeting to order. He introduced Steve Jones from the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. Steve reported on several items:

1. Jerry Masters at the Arkansas State Fair (ASF) received the proposed list of judges for the Arkansas State fair. The dates for the ASF Spring Livestock Show will be May 3-4, 2013.
2. Since Arkansas Junior Cattleman's Association sanctions shows at the fairgrounds and will allow exhibitors below 9 years of age to show there, the Arkansas State Fair will do so also. Therefore, youth exhibitors under the age of 9 will be allowed to show at the Spring Show but not at the state fair.
3. The dates for the sheep shows will be October 9-12 and there is no proposal of changing the show schedule for breeding and market sheep during the fair. The ABL show will be on the 11th and the market show will be on the 12th.
4. He mentioned that numbers for the market lamb and breeding sheep increased. He also mentioned that the number of Junior exhibitors had increased during the 2012 ASF.
5. Steve mentioned that there will no longer be a Shepherd's Lead competition at the ASF.
6. Steve mentioned to the group that he has been told that the Regional USDA veterinarian has not been testing enough animals for scrapies. His office will test for free – but if they find it then it will be mandatory to depopulate the flock. He also talked about the Animal Disease Traceability System and that there has been a ruling that our current scrapies tag system will make goats and sheep in compliance.

Steve introduced Dr. David Fernandez from UAPB and a representative from Heifer, who is implementing the "Seeds of Change" program, which is a small ruminant livestock program in the delta area of Arkansas. This area is east of Hwy 67 between Memphis and Little Rock.

Denise Trotter sent a request via Mike to Steve: Can ASSC have a representative on the ASF Advisory committee? Steve said this is being looked into.

After discussion, Wanda Calloway made a motion and it was seconded by Diana Watkins that the ABL show will be slated to start at 4 p.m. so that there would be a clear time for the exhibitors to be ready to begin the show. Motion passed. Steve Jones agreed that would be better for all involved.

Suzie Wright sent recommendations via Mike as well. She suggested that we needed more adult help from Sheep Council members to help at the state and district shows. She also would like to amend the ABL nomination form to add District fair to it along with the state fair.

Wanda Calloway distributed the treasurer's report. The account has \$1832.08 in it currently. However Mr. Morgan contacted her to let her know that he would not be able to complete the ASI mentor program. Therefore, that \$1000 would be returned to ASI, leaving our balance to be \$832.08. Wanda wanted everyone to show their appreciation to the ABL sponsors at the district fairs and the state fair. This allowed us to pay more money out as prize money to the youth. Mike Reynolds made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Cindy Kendrick seconded it. Motion passed.

Mike told the group that the ABL classes at the ASF grew by 60 lambs. In 2011 we paid out \$600 for champions and \$150 per class for 11 classes. In 2012 we paid out \$1500 for champions and \$200 per class for 19 classes. He also mentioned that there was \$1200 left over and during the last meeting the ASSC voted to give that to the AJSC. AJSC will divide that money between the 5 high point overall exhibitors for the 2013 season.

Wanda asked the group for input on what to do for the wool promotion money for this year. Darren Kendrick will work on a display board to use at jackpots and the ASF with recipes, informational pamphlets and brochures. EveAnn George will use the remainder to buy prizes for the breeding sheep youth exhibitors at the ASF.

Cindy Kendrick reported that the ASSC online sheep sale is slated for April 18th. According to the minutes at the previous meeting, the news set fee will be \$25 per lamb (\$10 will go to Roger Hunker plus 10%). The remainder will be sent to the ASSC Scholarship fund.

Cindy Kendrick made a motion that all lambs in the online sale need to be sheared prior to the sale pictures being posted on the site. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Brad Harlow made the motion to have the ASSC online sale on April 18th and Kyle Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed

It was announced that the new ASI delegate from Arkansas will be Mike Reynolds. He will be attending the meeting in San Antonio. Mike reported on the 2012 fundraising – stating that it was good, but he would like to see it improve even more.

Brad Harlow made a motion to eliminate the nose print cards from the ABL nomination system and that all breeders must put ABL tags in their lambs ear prior to that lamb being moved from their farm. Robin Harlow seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mike Reynolds brought a proposal entitled Arkansas Junior Sheep Council Summer Jackpot Awards Program, to the group to clearly define rules/regulations to sanction a jackpot show, point calculations, ABL rules (which includes adding District fair to the form as well as the state fair), etc. Wanda Calloway made a motion to amend the proposal by omitting Rule #13. Brad Harlow seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The guidelines will be placed online and Robin Harlow and Cindy Kendrick will develop a user-friendly program or spreadsheet as an example of what show coordinators can use at their show.

Cindy Kendrick made a motion, Brad Harlow seconded the motion, to amend the Point calculations system portion of the guidelines to be as follows:

Points Calculations – Market Lamb Show and ABL Show

Placing	Number of Lambs in Show					
	1-10	11-25	26-50	51-75	76-100	101+
1st	3	5	10	15	20	25
2 nd	2	4	8	12	16	20
3 rd	1	3	6	9	12	15
4 th	0	2	4	6	8	10
5 th	0	1	2	3	4	6
Grand Champion	5	10	20	25	30	35
Reserve Champion	2	5	10	15	20	25
Div. Grand	0	0	0	10	15	20
Div. Reserve	0	0	0	5	10	15

Showmanship Points Calculation

Number of Participants in Age Group

Placing	1-5	6-10	11-20	20+
1st	5	10	15	20
2 nd	4	8	12	16
3 rd	3	6	9	12
4 th	2	4	6	8
5 th	1	2	3	4

Motion passed.

(Note: Per the new guidelines and point system, the AJSC points will be calculated on a calendar year basis, beginning in January and ending September 1st of that year. The Arkansas State Fair results will no longer be included in the point calculations.)

Steve Jones addressed the group to let them know of another possibility for wool and sheep promotion in the state. He conducts a "Pizza Ranch" (teaches youth where their food comes from) for inner city Little Rock students and needs help and sheep from members of the ASSC/AJSC. The dates this year are May 14-15.

Two sponsors are needed for GC (\$250) and RC (\$150) for the ASF Spring Show.

Brad Harlow made the motion to amend the by-laws to eliminate the North, South and Director at-large positions. Cindy Kendrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Directors assignments were defined as: coordinating and facilitating the District ABL shows, securing sponsors for their district ABL show, taking winners photographs, coordinating winners/breeders contact information with ASSC ABL Coordinator in a timely manner so that jackets can be ordered for ASF awards ceremony.

The following directors were nominated to serve:

AR-OK: Brad Harlow

NE: Sherri Sanders

SW: Louis George

SE: Diana Watkins

NW: Cindy Kendrick

NC: Mike Reynolds

Kyle Sanders made the motion and Wanda Calloway seconded the motion to vote the directors in by acclamation. Motion passed.

The following officers were nominated to serve:

President: Mike Reynolds

Vice- President: Brad Harlow

Secretary: Sherri Sanders

Treasurer: Wanda Calloway

ABL Coordinator: Suzie Wright

AJSC Coordinator: Denise Trotter

AJSC Point Committee: Karon Reynolds and Robin Harlow. Steve Jones will assist Karon and Robin with this.

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Kyle Sanders made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Diana Watkins seconded it. Motion passed.