

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the Arkansas State Sheep Council was held at the Washington County Fairgrounds Office on December 5th at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Reynolds at 10:11 a.m. Wanda Calloway sent the treasurer's report out via email on December 4th. Jennifer Craig made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, and Brian Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Mike Reynolds had sent out a proposal by email in advance to make a change in the bylaws. Mike read and explained the proposal. Brad Wright made a motion to amend the proposal by changing the wording in Article VIII Section B to state "a bank approved by". Heather Hudgins seconded the motion. Motion carried, and the amendment was approved. Mike explained that the bylaw change would require a 2/3 vote by members who were present in order for the change to pass. A vote was taken by paper ballot, and the bylaw changes were passed unanimously. In addition to the bylaw changes, suggestions for general rule changes had been brought to Mike's attention. Mike reviewed the proposed changes/additions to the rules. Michael Weaver moved that all changes and additions be approved. Jennifer Craig seconded the motion. Motion Carried. A copy of the bylaw changes as well as the rule changes are attached to these minutes. Also in unfinished business, Mike Reynolds had received names for nominations for judges for the 2016 Arkansas State Fair Market Lamb Show. Members present voted on the nominees by paper ballot. The results were: 1-Josh Kouns, 2-Brian Rielly, 3-Brad Anderson, 4-Cody Sloan, 5-Joe Hobbs, 6-Bart Cardwell (5th & 6th Tied), 7-Sara Brister Love. Mike will present these recommendations in this order to the state fair board on behalf of the Arkansas State Sheep Council.

In new business, Kristi Weaver presented a proposal to quit showing the market lambs at the Arkansas State Fair by weight only. The proposal included two options, option A and option B. Heather Hudgins made a motion to approve the proposal using option A, and Brad Harlow seconded the proposal. Motion Carried. Mike Reynolds will present the proposal using option A to the state fair board at their meeting on Tuesday. A suggestion was made that numbers be added to the proposal to reflect the impact changing the show could have on the entries. A copy of the original proposal and the final proposal is attached to these minutes. Also in new business, a motion was made by Jennifer Craig that all AJSC membership and nomination forms and fees must be postmarked by July 31st. If it is not postmarked by July 31st, the child cannot show or receive awards. The motion was seconded by Wanda Calloway. Motion Carried

Michael Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 p.m. Melinda Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Addendum One

Bylaw Changes

Article VI Duties of the Officers - Job Description Additions:

Vice-President – Order and distribute ABL tags. Order the banners and jackets for district fairs. Communicate with appointed district fair liaison to ensure they have their paperwork and understand our ABL rules and regulations as they pertain to the district fairs.

Treasurer – Treasurer will be added to the AJSC account. Send list to VP when tags have been paid for so the VP can send out the tags. Collect money for ABL tags and deposit into AJSC account.

Secretary – Be administrator over online spreadsheet where breeders can submit breeder lists.

AJSC Coordinator – Collects ABL nominations and fees, and AJSC memberships and fees. Deposit these fees into AJSC account. Communicate with treasurer about current finances.

Article VIII Finances Section B – Now Reads: Expenses over \$500.00 shall be approved by the executive committee.

Article VIII Finances Section D – Now Reads: The treasurer and president will conduct business with a bank approved by the Arkansas State Sheep Council. One signature only will be required on the checking account being the treasurer or the president. The treasurer and AJSC coordinator will conduct business with a bank, approved by the Arkansas State Sheep Council, on behalf of the Arkansas Junior Sheep Council. One signature only will be required on the checking account being the treasurer and the AJSC coordinator.

Added Article VIII Finances Section F – 10% of the monies that AJSC collects from AJSC membership dues, ABL tags, and ABL nominations are to be placed into the ASSC general budget.

Addendum Two

General Rule Additions/Changes

Combine AJSC membership form and ABL nomination form.

Wording from “able to receive money or prizes” to “be able to show” in ABL shows at district and state fairs.

Ownership of an ABL lamb to mirror state fair rules.

You can only earn points on your lamb.

Raise ABL nomination from \$10 to \$15.

Change AJSC jackpot fee from \$35 to \$50 for a single show and \$75 for a double show.

Change ASSC membership fees to \$30 for a regular membership, \$60 for an actual breeder who will be listed on the website.

Only ABL sheep can be used for showmanship in ABL show at ASF.

A \$500.00 deposit check is required to be able to have a sanctioned single jackpot show. The deposit check will be returned uncashed upon the submission of completed paperwork with **ALL** of the proper placing/points information included. If placing/points paperwork is not submitted or it is incomplete, the check will be cashed, and the deposit will not be refunded. The deposit for a double show will be \$750.00. In the case of incomplete paperwork, the placing points that are submitted will be counted, and the remainder of the all other contestants/entries will receive one point. Also, any sanctioned jackpot show not submitting complete paperwork will be listed on the website as delinquent.

An email notification will be sent when payments are received.

Membership dues cannot be paid the day of the show with the exception of the state spring show.

Addendum Three

Original Proposal by Kristi Weaver

Proposal

To quit showing the market lambs at the Arkansas State Fair by weight only. This proposal provides two options to change the show. Option A is to show by breed and by weight. Option B is to show by division and weight.

Purpose of Proposal

To create an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members who raise and show breeds other than Hampshires and Crossbreds to be able to competitively exhibit their market lambs. It is extremely difficult for a white faced sheep and hair sheep to compete with Hampshires and Crossbreds.

To be more uniform with other shows that 4-H & FFA members will be showing at. For example, Arkansas/Oklahoma State Fair and NAILE. Both of these shows show market lambs by breed and weight. The majority of state fairs currently show by breed and weight or are divided in some way other than by weight only.

This would also allow ag teachers and 4-H leaders who are helping multiple kids purchase lambs to be able to select from a wider pool of lambs.

To educate 4-H and FFA members about the various breeds of meat sheep.

Option A – Show by Breed & Weight

Minimum Number of Market Lambs Per Breed

A minimum of 10 market lambs are required to make a breed. If less than 10 market lambs per breed nominate, enter or come to the show, that respective breed will be placed in the AOB Division. If there is not a total of 10 head of AOB lambs, those lambs will show in the Crossbred division.

Breed Classifications – All breeds listed are common meat breeds shown today.

1. Hair Sheep (Hair sheep include Dorper, Barbado, St. Croix, Katahdin or a cross between these breeds.)
2. Hampshire
3. Dorset
4. Natural Colored

5. Shropshire
6. Southdown
7. Speckle Faced
8. Suffolk
9. Crossbred
10. AOB (If Needed)

Option B – Show by Division & Weight

To change the Arkansas State Fair Market Lamb Show from showing by weight only. This proposal is to create three Divisions, with each division being broken into classes by weight.

Division Classifications

Black Face: Hampshire, Natural Colored, Shropshire, Speckle Faced, Suffolk, and Crossbreds

White Face: Southdown and Dorset

Hair Sheep: Dorper, Barbado, St. Croix, Katahdin or a cross between these breeds

Addendum Four

Final Proposal for State Fair Board

Proposal

The Arkansas State Sheep Council would like to make a proposal to the Arkansas State Fair Board to change the Arkansas State Fair Market Lamb Show to where the market lambs are shown by breed and then classes within the breed be divided by weight.

Purpose of Proposal

To increase the number of market lamb showmen and sheep being shown in turn generating more revenue for the fair through entry fees, gate admission, and purchases while at the fair. The following table shows a comparison between the numbers being shown in other market lamb state shows that show by breed. Since Hampshires and Crossbreds make up the majority of our show currently, I did not include them in the table.

	Dorset	Natural Colored	Southdown	Speckled Faced	Suffolk	Hair	Shropshire
Arkansas State Fair	0	Very Few	0	Very Few	Very Few	0	Very Few
Oklahoma Youth Expo	50	120	50	50	80	50	75
Tulsa State Fair	50	76	50	50	50	50	50

Other Reasons for the Proposal

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This would also allow ag teachers and 4-H leaders who are helping multiple kids purchase lambs to be able to select from a wider pool of lambs. Also some breeds are not generally as expensive and would allow some members to be able to show a better quality lamb in a different breed.

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