

Minutes

The December 16, 2018 meeting of the Arkansas State Sheep Council was called to order at 12:02 p.m. at the Whole Hog Cafe in Conway Arkansas. Mike Reynolds gave a report from the state fair board meeting that was held in December. Mike said one of the big changes to the 2018 Arkansas State Fair sale will be that the sale will be terminal this year. It is not yet clear whether it will be terminal for all sale qualifiers or if it will just be the grands that are terminal. Another change to the state fair for 2018 that is sheep specific, is that the commercial ewe show will now be called and judged as a "Wether Dam" show. The following 3 names were submitted to the state fair board for our recommendation as ABL and super showman judges: Matt Walta, Jimmy Davis, and Andy Turner.

Discussion was made regarding what the ASSC can do to raise more money to support the Arkansas State Fair Blue Ribbon Campaign. An idea was presented in which the ASSC would purchase a sheep popper and then we can sell raffle tickets for the popper between now and state fair. The money that was made from selling tickets would be split 50/50 between the Blue Ribbon Campaign and the ASSC. The winning ticket for the popper would be drawn at state fair. Mike Reynolds let us know that there was an opportunity to save money by committing to purchasing prizes for state fair now instead of waiting until closer to fair time. It was recommended that the AJSC pay for the "Wether Dam" class prizes since most of the ewes being exhibited are either ewe lambs that are being or were exhibited as market lambs. Hair sheep will show separately, and it was recommended that since most hair lambs were being exhibited by breeding sheep council members, that the breeding sheep council pay for the hair class prizes. A motion was made by Kristi Weaver and seconded by Jennifer Craig that we purchase the popper and sell tickets to raise money for the blue ribbon campaign splitting the money 50/50, that the ASSC commit to purchasing prizes now for the state fair, the AJSC purchases prizes for the Wether Dam classes at state fair, and that the ABSC pays for the hair class prizes for state fair. Motion passed.

It was brought to our attention that the Junior Breeder Scholarship form needed to be revamped. Carey Robertson volunteered to revamp the form. The deadline for junior members to apply for the Junior Breeder Scholarship has also been changed to received by May 1st.

Due to the cost of shipping for the ABL tags, a motion was made by Evann George to charge \$10.00 for shipping and handling for ABL tag orders placed by breeders. This is a per order fee. If a member chooses to place multiple tag orders instead of ordering them all at once, they will have to pay \$10.00 per order they place. The motion was seconded by Carey Robertson. Motion passed.

Chelsea Ahrens sent a request letter to the ASSC asking us to provide prizes for the sheep portion of a livestock judging contest. Request was denied do to not enough funds at this time.

A suggestion was made about the possibility of removing the breeding sheep show portion of the state spring show and having a separate Sheep & Wool Expo which would include a breeding sheep show with the possibility of having stock dog trials, vendor booths, wool spinners guild, etc. Carey Robertson volunteered to put this Sheep & Wool Expo together. Harrison was suggested as a good location to host the event. A motion was made by Kristi Weaver for the ASSC to pay \$500 towards putting on this Sheep & Wool Expo to promote the sheep industry in Arkansas. The motion was seconded by Jared Williams. Motion passed.

Mike Reynolds read off the names of the nominees that were sent to Brittany Huffaker. Brittany then forwarded the names to Mike. Nominees are as follows:

Janeal Yancey - AJSC Coordinator & Points

South West District Representative – Robert McDonald

North East District Representative – B.J. Lenderman

A motion was made by Jennifer Craig that these nominees be accepted by acclamation. Evann George seconded the motion. Motion passed. The South East District had no nominees therefore it will remain open.

Carey Robertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m. Jennifer Craig seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.