

ASSC General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held: July 7th, 2025

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order via Zoom format at 6:00 p.m. on July 7th, 2025. The following farm memberships were in attendance:

Say-A-Lot (Trish Henry, President)
Kirk Farm Club Lambs (Stacy Kirk, Vice President, and Lisa Kirk)
K-Ranch (Brandi Killins, Secretary)
Wanda Calloway, Treasurer
Bacon Cattle & Sheep (Debbie Bacon)
Malabanan Farms (Bethany Malabanan)
Stacks Family Farm (Joseph)
PJ Livestock (John & Sara Crangle)
Mill Creek Acres (Kalin & Amanda Flippo)
UA Teaching Flock (Darren Bignar)
4R Farm & Livestock (Seth Ross)

II. Approval of the April 7th Minutes: The minutes from the general membership meeting on April 7th, 2025 were provided to the general membership for prior review on 6/26/25. Motion for approval of the April 7th minutes was made by Stacy Kirk and seconded by John Crangle. Motion was approved by acclamation.

III. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Wanda Calloway, reported the Association account balance of \$9,327.91 as of 6/30/25 and a deposit was made 7/7/25 for \$300.00 in the general ASSC account; ABSC Coordinator, Joe Washburn, and AJSC Coordinator, Janeal Yancey, were both unavailable to provide an update on the ABSC and AJSC accounts.

IV. Old Business: The following items of old business were reported upon for the general membership.

a. Incorporation Update – Incorporation effective 3/26/25. We have been federally exempt for some time; however, there has never been filing with the State of Arkansas to provide state exemption from state taxes. Trish filed with the state and received a letter that we are tax exempt through the state as well. Trish also filed a Charitable Organization Registration Form (CR-1) authorizing the association to solicit donation contributions. It was also noted that we need to keep duplicate login for filing the 990-N non-profit tax forms in the corporate book since the other forms and information is being kept there in case others need access to it.

b. Standing Rules Committee – Members include Mike Reynolds, Debbie Bacon, Bryan Maye, Stacy Kirk & Trish Henry.

The recommendations for *Breed Classifications and ABL Shows* were forwarded to the General Membership by Brandi Killins, Secretary, on 6/26/25 for review and comment. The recommendations were for state level ABL shows (i.e. ASF and/or AYE), the ABL shows, with regard to breed classifications, will mirror the same breeds as recognized for the market show for that hosting sponsor. In other words, for the ABL show at ASF, the ABL breeds recognized for the ABL show will be the same as the breeds recognized for the ASF Market Show; likewise, for an ABL show at AYE, the breeds recognized for the ABL show at AYE will be the same as the breeds recognized for the AYE Market Show. However, for ABL shows outlined above, the ASSC requires a minimum of 5 entries for a breed to make a class; if there are less than 5 entries, those entries will then be transferred to an AOB class. Topic opened to the floor for discussion at 6:11-Debbie Bacon requested clarification and then made a motion to approve; seconded by Darren Bignar. Motion carried.

Next, the recommendations for *ABL Judges* which reads as follows was presented: “An Arkansas resident may not serve as a judge of an ABL show; this rule shall include, but is not limited to- Arkansas breeders, Arkansas agriculture teachers, or other person who reside within the state.” The recommendation was forwarded to the General Membership by Brandi Killins, Secretary, on 6/26/25 for review and comment. Topic opened to the floor for discussion at 6:14. Darren Bignar wanted to know why this became an issue of discussion? Trish Henry, President unsure and nobody else present provided comment. Darren said historically he could recall one issue with an Ag Teacher. He felt strongly that we will be hurting ourselves if this motion passes stating judges should have the integrity to do the right thing. Debbie Bacon stated she and her husband have judged many shows and she would not be comfortable as a breeder judging an ABL show. Stacy Kirk mentioned an Arkansas breeder judged a show a few years ago and it was just too close. Darren Bignar stated he just does not want us limiting ourselves. Debbie Bacon made a motion to follow the recommendation. Brandi Killins, Secretary, began performing a Roll Call Vote. Mid voting Darren Bignar wanted to table the motion to be reworded. Trish Henry, President, stated we could stop in the middle of voting; thereafter, voting continued; however several members qualified their votes due to wording and requested that the term “Arkansas Resident” be clarified. At that point, the President suspended the vote since the entire committee members were not present to clarify the term so clear and complete voting could be had. The President stated that she would return the matter to the committee for clarification and the matter could be brought to the general membership at such time the committee clarified the proposed rule.

c. District Fair Updates – Stacy Kirk, Vice President, provided an update. Award items were presented at the last meeting. Top 5 ABL will be awarded with prizes and money at each district fair. We have received some sponsorships in North Central and SE; Joe Washburn is working on NE district. Anybody can reach out for sponsorships-it does not have to just be the District Directors.

d. State Fair ABL Show Committee – Darren Bignar provided an update. The new Superintendent is Denise Trotter. She is in agreement with trying to mirror what we are doing with the ABL show. Plan is to have 3 people on the Committee for Classifications.

V. New Business: The following items of new business were reported upon for the general membership.

a. Peer Audit Committee – Trish Henry, President, appointed the following members: Bethany Malabanan (CPA), Darren Bignar (familiar with NSSGA and small groups), and Debbie Bacon (very helpful on giving history of ASSC). Peer Audit Committee will have their 1st meeting later this month.

b. Fundraising Committee – Stacy Kirk, Vice President, stated the ASSC is going to help cover awards if we do not get enough sponsorships, but money only stretches so far and we need to be thinking about the future. Top 10 ABL will be awarded with a jacket and money. We need to request sponsorships for these placings. Darren Bignar recommended sending an email out to breeders or posting on FB for sponsorships. Brandi Killins recommended utilizing the News on the ASSC website. Debbie Bacon suggested potentially doing an online sale of donated items. Trish Henry inquired if we have any good brainstormers to be on a committee. At this time we will focus our energy on finding sponsors for the jackets.

VI. Miscellaneous Matters—ASF asked that we provide reminders that the exhibitor must have at least one animal registered for the Market Show or Wether Dam show to show in the ABL show. DNA Deadline is 7/15/25. Animals must have an 840 tag.

ABL Nomination forms due 7/31/25 for kids exhibiting in the ABL show at State Fair.

VII. Adjournment: All matters of business being concluded, a motion to adjourn was made by Stacy Kirk and seconded by Darren Bignar, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Brandi Killins,
ASSC Secretary