

The 2024 Annual Winter Meeting was held via Zoom on Monday, January 8th at 7:00PM.

The meeting began at 7:15PM due to connection issues.

In attendance:

- Janeal Yancey
- Mike Reynolds
- Ashley Flickinger
- Debbie Bacon
- Monica Griffin
- Wanda Calloway
- Brian Dobbs
- Joe Washburn
- John Crangle
- Lisa & Stacy Kirk
- Monty & Britni Rexwinkle
- Sarah Massey
- Brandi & Kirk Killins
- Bryan Maye

Mike Reynolds opened the meeting with the financial reports being presented.

Novel Designs - \$414 for website upkeep.

Breeding Sheep Council – 2023 Arkansas State Fair had a good Breeding Show. The open show was okay. The Junior Breeding Show was great!

- 23 kids in Breeding Sheep Council
- 5-6 kids increase from 2022

Joe Washburn would like to improve on getting the Breeding Council information out there. Would like to see these shows get bigger, maybe have a spring purebred show: Southdown, Hampshire, Shropshire, Dorset, Dorset Advantage, Natural colored, Katahdin, Dorpers, etc.

OPEN SHOW: Debbie Bacon asked if there was a required # of entries to have the show class. Janeal stated that there isn't a required # of entries to have the show, classic breeds have a class regardless. Debbie asked if the requirement was at least 5 lambs and 2 showmen. Janeal stated that covid kept that number to 5 and 2 but left smaller breeds lumped into AOB.

- Awards:
 - o Meat, Hair, Wool, Toy Divisions – Buckles
 - o Top 5 overall Ewes & Rams – Jackets + Banners
 - o Champion & Reserve Champion Flock – Banners

Debbie mentioned that there used to be ASI money to buy awards. Mike Reynolds asked about Wool Promo money. Janeal commented that she never heard back regarding those dollars. Mike Reynolds will find the contact number.

AJSC BUDGET:

- 201 Members
- 292 Lambs
- 186 AYE Lambs
- \$3,000 in Scholarships
 - o Scholarship Winner: Spencer Warren
- \$90 Breeder Banners
- \$1500 in Jackpot
- \$7,000 in prizes
- 2023 AYE - \$2250 (Champion Payouts, Division Payouts, & Judge Fee)
- 2023 ASF - \$3430 (Champion Payouts, Division Payouts, & Judge Fee)
- Expenses - \$18,535.81
 - o Deficit of \$1,000.00
- AYE Entries – 317
- ASF Entries – 216

Mike Reynolds asked what can we do to prevent a deficit again? Janeal recommended fundraisers or to pay out Champion and Reserve first. Janeal also recommended keeping AYE & ASF money separate.

Stacy Kirk brought up that there were 60 lambs missing breeder nominations. If this money was not outstanding, then the deficit may be different. He also recommended working on sponsorships for prizes so that AJSC is not purchasing so many prizes.

Mike Reynolds requested a list be sent to him of lambs missing breeder nominations.

Conversation regarding AYE – ABL Show. There were issues with families only showing at the ABL show but they did not do AYE nominations via DNA packet. We will wait to see what AYE rules require for 2024.

Debbie Bacon made a motion to approve financial reports for 2023. Moncia Griffin seconded. Financial reports pass.

2024 AJSC Fees:

- Debbie Bacon asked Janeal about doing an additional \$15 for ASF and \$15 for AYE.
- Ashley Flickinger clarified that the AJSC fees would go as follows:
 - o Member fee - \$15 per kid
 - o ASF Fee - \$15 per lamb per kid
 - o AYE Fee - \$15 per lamb per kid
- Debbie Bacon made a motion to accept the new fees. Joe Washburn seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Reynolds asked if there was any old business, and none was reported.

New Business:

Robert McDonald's proposal to ensure money for winners. ASF winner's circle sale was down from previous years.

- \$1000 AYE & ASF Grand Champion
- \$500 AYE & ASF Reserve Champion

Robert proposed to do a sale – have out of state breeders donate semen and then have a nation-wide sale.

There was discussion on how poorly the Arkansas State Fair winner's circle sale was. There were not many buyers there. It was suggested that we contact the State Fair to assist them with finding buyers.

Ways to bring in money that were suggested: Online Semen sale, Spring Show, Easter pictures will lamb.

Mike Reynolds suggested that Janeal and Monica come up with ideas for fundraising for the top 5 payouts at AYE & ASF. Lisa Kirk and Brandi Killins volunteered to help as well.

Monica Griffin requested we have another meeting regarding a spring show. Mike Reynolds stated that we will try and get a group email between the people that are wanting to help put it on.

Mike Reynolds asked if there was any new AJSC business and if anyone has thoughts on judges? Monica Griffin asked about a current list of recent judges. Mike stated that each farm nominates one judge and then they are ranked. Debbie Bacon requested more time to research judges. One week was given. Ashley Flickinger made a list to send out at 7PM on January 15th. Recommendations for judges would need to be in by then. Then once the nominations are collected, breeders will have one week to rank them.

OFFICERS FOR 2024:

John Crangle moved to keep the officers the same. Monty Rexwinkle seconded that. Motion passed.

Debbie Bacon motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. John Crangle seconded. Meeting adjourned.