

ASSC General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held: April 7, 2025

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order via Zoom format at 6:06 p.m. on April 7, 2025. The following farm memberships were in attendance:

Says-A-Lot (Trish Henry);
R Farm/Ozark Mountain Genetics (Britni Rexwinkle);
Treasurer Wanda Calloway;
Chaos Club Lambs (Matthew Price);
University of Arkansas (Darren Bignar);
Kirk Club Lambs (Stacy/Lisa Kirk);
Whippoorwill Hill Farms (Joe Washburn);
Yancey Ranch (Janeal Yancey);
PJ Livestock (John/Sara Crangle); and
Cave Creek Farms (Monica Griffin).

II. Approval of the January 6th Minutes: The minutes from the general membership meeting of January 6, 2025 were provided to the general membership for prior review on 3/27/25. Motion for approval of the January 6th minutes was made by Stacy Kirk and seconded by Darren Bignar. Motion was approved by acclamation.

III. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wanda Calloway reported the Association account balance of \$9,004.52 in its general account; ABSC Coordinator Joe Washburn reported that Breeding Sheep Council has approximately \$1,900.00 in its segregated account; and Janeal Yancey was having phone issues which impeded a report for the AJSC segregated account.

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

a. Incorporation Update – The President reported that non-profit articles of incorporation were filed with the Arkansas Secretary of State, and ASSC is simply awaiting the certificate from the Secretary of State's Office. The President noted that ASSC was previously an unincorporated association but voted via Special Meeting on February 13, 2025 to formally incorporate as a non-profit corporation. ASSC elected non-profit categorization since ASSC has been recognized as a non-profit entity and has filed non-profit tax forms (specifically IRS form 990-N) since the association was assembled years ago.

b. ABL Judge Update – The Vice-President reported that the top ranked candidate from the January ABL judge candidate ranking email poll was contacted via panel contact. Panel members on the call were Trish Henry, Stacy Kirk and Debbie Bacon. The top ranking ABL candidate was Wade Franklin by ranking email vote; therefore, he was contacted first and accepted the offer to judge the Arkansas Bred Lamb Show at the Arkansas State Fair. A

confirming email was forwarded to Mr. Franklin memorializing his agreement to judge the ABL show at State Fair on October 9, 2025 for the fee of \$750.00 inclusive of hotel and airfare which Mr. Franklin is booking himself. ASSC agreed to provide transportation to/from the airport for Mr. Franklin. A copy of the agreement with Mr. Franklin has been provided to the Treasurer for ASSC records, and payment will be provided to Mr. Franklin at the conclusion of the ABL show in October.

c. Bylaws – At the general membership meeting of January 6, 2025 a Bylaws Committee was formed to review, update and amend the ASSC bylaws. The committee members were Monica Griffin, John Crangle, Debbie Bacon, Stacy Kirk and Trish Henry.

The revised bylaws as proposed by the Committee were forwarded by Secretary Brandi Killins to the general membership on March 13, 2025 for review and comment. Committee member Stacy Kirk reported on the Committee's work and opened the floor for comments from the general membership. After opportunity for discussion of the bylaws was provided, a motion for approval of the bylaws as presented to the general membership was made by John Crangle and seconded by Stacy Kirk. Motion was approved by acclamation.

V. New Business: The President presented the following items of new business for consideration of the general membership:

a. Standing Rules Committee – The President reported that in considering the Bylaws, the bylaws committee observed a list of Standing Rules which was appended to the Bylaws, but contained only one standing rule. Thereafter, the Executive Committee encouraged formation of a Standing Rules Committee to prepare a list of Standing Rules of the ASSC which could be presented to the general membership at a later date and appended to the Bylaws for ready reference.

Members appointed to the Standing Rules Committee were Bryan Maye and Mike Reynolds; Joe Washburn joined the committee for Breeding Sheep rules of note; Janeal Yancey joined the committee for AJSC rules of note. The floor was open for others to join the committee during the April Zoom meeting of the general membership. The President and Vice-President will serve on the committee and will seek appointment of an additional member(s) to serve.

b. District Fairs Update – The Vice-President reported on the current status of district fairs and district fair directors. The 2025 district fair directors are: Britni Rexwinkle – NW District; Joe Washburn – NE District; Lisa Kirk – NC District; Mike Reynolds – SE District; Rachel Bearden – SW District; and Trish Henry AR/OK District.

The Vice-President reported that the AR/OK District has not had an ABL show at its district fair in several years. Contact has been made, and AR/OK has agreed to entertain reinstituting the ABL portion of the district fair in 2026; however, reinstituting the fair for 2025 will not occur. Additionally AR/OK has requested certain assurances, and Trish Henry and Bryan Maye have agreed to be personally responsible for ensuring compliance. The Vice-President noted that with no ABL show in the AR/OK district for 2025 coupled with the overlap in AYE and Arkansas State Fair schedules, many of our AJSC exhibitors are being disproportionately impacted with

limited show opportunities. As such, the district fair directors voted to request approval of the general membership for the Vice-President to approach each district to determine whether the district would absorb the AR/OK qualified showmen for 2025 with those showmen only being allowed to show in one district. After thorough discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Joe Washburn to allow approaching the remaining districts to determine whether they would allow AR/OK showmen to show in their districts in 2025, with showmen being entitled to show in only one district. The motion was seconded by Lisa Kirk. Motion was approved by acclamation.

Additionally, the Vice-President presented the district directors' recommendation for ASSC systemization in prizes within districts and prize awards being extended to the top 5 places within each district. A second recommendation was presented, as made by the district directors, that ASSC sponsor \$500.00 per district for prize awards from ASSC and each district director oversee raising a minimum of \$250.00 within each district for ASSC prize awards for district winners with inclusion of all members including those absorbed from the AR/OK district in 2025. Motion was made by Monica Griffin to accept the district directors' recommendation and seconded by Stacy Kirk. Motion was approved by acclamation.

c. State Fair ABL Show Committee – The President reported that the Executive Committee recommends assembly of a show committee for running of the ABL show at State Fair. Matters for committee consideration and administration are: running of show; weight breaks panel; awards coordination; breed classification; class minimums, etc. It was noted from the January 6th meeting minutes of the general membership that breeds were assigned for 2025 as BFX, Natural, WFX & Hair. A recommendation was made that breed consideration might need to be reconsidered for 2026.

Janeal Yancey nominated the President to serve as committee chair for the State Fair ABL Show Committee and Lisa Kirk seconded the nomination. Other committee members who agreed to serve were: Darren Bignar, Lisa Kirk, Stacy Kirk; Monica Griffin and Janeal Yancey volunteered to serve in a tentative capacity since they will have kids showing. The committee will meet and recruit other members to help with the State Fair ABL show.

VI. Miscellaneous Matters: A miscellaneous matter was raised to approve sponsorship of \$400.00 for the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. ASSC has been a \$400.00 sponsor in previous years. Motion was made by Wanda Calloway with a second from Joe Washburn. Motion passed by acclamation.

VII. Adjournment: All matters of business being concluded, a motion to adjourn was made by Darren Bignar and seconded by Joe Washburn, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Brandi Killins

ASSC Secretary