

Arkansas State Sheep Council

Winter Meeting

January 6, 2025

7:00PM

The following members met for the 2025 winter meeting via Zoom of the Arkansas State Sheep Council on Monday, January 6th, 2025, at 7:00PM:

- Mike & Karen Reynolds
- Joe Washburn
- Janeal Yancy
- Ashley Flickinger
- Trish Henry
- Stacy & Lisa Kirk
- Brandi & Kirk Killins
- John Crangle
- Monica Griffin
- Joseph Stacks
- Aaron Mahan
- Sarah Massey
- Carly Bokker
- Darren Bigner
- Robert McDonald
- Cynthia Johnson
- Debbie Bacon

Wanda Callaway was unable to attend the meeting and the ASSC account was not able to be reviewed. Janeal was able to provide a total amount in the ASSC account as \$7,764.68.

Janeal Yancey, AJSC Coordinator, gave an overview of the AJSC account. Revenue for 2024 was \$15,480.00 and 2024 expenses were \$14,410.58 not including the expense for the Arkansas State Fair ABL judge.

- AJSC membership and sheep numbers are both down compared to 2023.
- AJSC is missing money for a \$500 sponsorship and \$835 Breeder Qualification money.
- AYE Judge cost more than expected this year. His total cost was \$1,209.47 due to judging, travel, hotel, and meals.

Mike Reynolds reminded everyone that 2025 ABL tags will not be eligible for purchase if you still have not paid your 2024 breeder qualifications. You must be a breeder in good standing.

Joe Washburn, Jr. Breeder Coordinator, gave an overview of the Junior Breeders council.

- He was finally able to set up an account but still needs to put Mrs. Wanda Calloway on that account.
- Jr. Breeder account is at about \$2400 however all the Arkansas State Fair awards have not been paid. The 2024 prizes will cost \$1400 so the final balance of the Junior Breeding Council account will be \$1000 for 2025.
- He is looking into the grant available to the Arkansas State Sheep Council – Wool Promo.

Old Business – None

New Business –

- Breeds at the Arkansas Bred Lamb Shows: what are they and where are they defined.
 - o BFX, Natural, WFX, & Hair – what number is needed to create its own class
 - o Discussion was had on if we should require a number or not.
 - A minimum # of sheep to make a class will need to be defined.
 - o Discussion was had on utilizing a Classifier or a panel.
 - Historically, ASSC has utilized ASF's classifier
 - o Discussion was had to allow ABL judge discretion to remove a lamb from a class and reclassify on the fly.
- Sanctioned AJSC Jackpot Shows – Does a youth need to be a resident to be part of the AJSC and are sanctioned shows REQUIRED to allow out of state AJSC member attend their shows when sponsors require only Arkansas 4-H and FFA members.
 - o Discussion was had on what ASSC was going to allow.
 - o Stacy Kirk made a motion to amend the AJSC membership form to include a statement stating that out of state AJSC members may not be eligible to show at all sanctioned AJSC shows.
 - John Crangle seconded
 - Motion passed by majority vote
- ABL Judge at Arkansas State Fair and Arkansas Youth Expo – Do we set a limit on what ASSC pays them?
 - o AYE ABL judge went over budget. Discussion was had regarding the going rate for a top tier judge.
 - o John Crangle recommended all ABL judges sign a contract with fees included so there would be no renegotiation later. Mike Reynolds recommended paying the AYE judge \$700 and the ASF judge \$800 flat rate.
 - o Robert McDonald made a motion to pay the ASF and AYE ABL judges \$750 each for a flat judge's fee and put them each under contract.
 - Debbie Bacon seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed by majority vote.

New Business (cont.)

- AYE & ASF overlap time frame
 - o Much discussion was had on the overlap time frame announced by AYE & ASF. AYE overlaps the ASF Breeding Sheep show and runs into the Commercial Ewe and ABL Show at ASF.
 - o There was a recommendation to have only one (1) ABL show at the state level this year.
 - o John Crangle & Darren Bigner offered to reach out the AYE & ASF to see if the scheduling conflict could be resolved.
- ASSC Quarterly meetings
 - o Stacy Kirk discussed more meetings of the general ASSC membership. He recommended quarterly meetings.
 - The Bylaws were not clear and there was discussion on updating and amending the ASSC Bylaws.
- The Bylaws Committee was formed to review, update, and amended the current ASSC bylaws so that the new bylaws could be presented 3 weeks in advance of the next scheduled April ASSC meeting.
 - o This committee consisted of Monica Griffith, John Crangle, Debbie Bacon, Trish Henry, & Stacy Kirk.
 - o Tentative Schedule
 - Updated bylaws released on March 13th to the general membership
 - ASSC Spring meeting – April 7th.
- ABL Judge Nomination
 - o Ashley Flickinger will send an email out on Tuesday, January 7th
 - Each farm is allowed one (1) nomination
 - Nominations will require the judges name and recent shows judged
 - Nominations are DUE January 15th, 2025, by 7PM. Submitted to Ashley Flickinger.
 - Ashley Flickinger will send nominations to Janeal Yancey to be sent out to members for ranking.
- Officer Elections
 - o President –
 - Sarah Massey nominated Trish Henry. Stacy Kirk seconded. John Crangle moved to vote by acclimation. Mike Reynolds seconded John's motion. Motion passes. Trish Henry is 2025 ASSC President.
 - o Vice-President –
 - Brandi Killins nominated Stacy Kirk. Sarah Massey seconded. Debbie Bacon nominated Robert McDonald. Robert McDonald declined the VP position. Debbie Bacon moved to vote by acclimation. John Crangle

seconded Debbie's motion. Motion passes. Stacy Kirk is 2025 ASSC Vice-President.

- Secretary –
 - Ashley Flickinger is unable to hold secretary positions since she and Stacy Kirk represent the same farm. Ashley Flickinger nominates Brandi Killins. Stacy Kirk seconded. Monica Griffin made a motion to vote by acclimation. Ashley Flickinger seconded. Motion carried. Brandi Killins is 2025 ASSC Secretary.
- Treasurer –
 - Janeal Yancey made a motion to approve Wanda Calloway to continue being ASSC Treasure for 2025. Debbie Bacon seconded. Motion carried. Wanda Calloway is 2025 ASSC Treasurer.
- AJSC Coordinator –
 - Stacy Kirk made a motion to approve Janeal Yancey to continue being the AJSC Coordinator for 2025. Ashley Flickinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. Janeal Yancey is the 2025 AJSC Coordinator.
- AJBS Coordinator –
 - Darren Bigner made a motion to approve Joe Washburn to continue being the AJBS Coordinator for 2025. Debbie Bacon seconded. Motion carried. Joe Washburn is the 2025 AJBS Coordinator.
- Last call for new Business.
- None.
- Debbie Bacon made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - John Crangle seconded.
- Meeting adjourned.