

# **ASSC General Meeting Minutes**

## **Meeting Held: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order via Zoom format at 6:01 p.m. on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Roll call was completed by Brandi Killins, Treasurer. 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  
Whippoorwill Hill Farms (Joe Washburn, ABSC Coordinator)  
Yancey Ranch (Janeal Yancey, AJSC Coordinator)  
Malabanan Farms (Bethany Malabanan)  
PJ Livestock (John & Sara Crangle)  
Mill Creek Acres (Amanda Flippo)  
UA Teaching Flock (Darren Bignar)  
Mahan Farms (Aaron Mahan)  
Balentine Livestock (Connor Balentine)  
YYF Club Lambs (Cade McKee)  
4 R Farm & Livestock (Seth Ross)  
Ozark Mountain Genetics (Britni & Monty Rexwinkle)  
Bacon Cattle & Sheep (Debbie Bacon)  
Chaos Club Lamb (Matthew Price, Andrea & Ben Collum)

**II. Opening Remarks:** Trish Henry, President, thanks everyone for their attendance and contributions to the 2025 show season.

**III. Approval of 10/27/25 and 12/15/25 Minutes:** The minutes from the General Membership Meeting on 10/27/25 and Special Meeting on 12/15/25 were provided to the General Membership for prior review on 1/11/26. Motion for approval of October 27<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by John Crangle and seconded by Darren Bignar. Motion for approval of December 15<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by Debbie Bacon and seconded by John Crangle. Motion was approved by acclamation.

**IV. Treasurer's Report:** Provided by both Wanda Calloway, Treasurer, and Bethany Malabanan, CPA and Peer Audit Review Committee Chairperson.

- Per Wanda: there have been some issues with the "Stripe" payment. It appears there are some 4 in 1 charges occurring and it's difficult to differentiate. Bethany said she will check on this and assist Wanda in analyzing the charges.

- Per Bethany: Janeal Yancey, AJSC Coordinator, transferred \$6,500.00 from the AJSC account to the ASSC account. There is approximately \$1,500.00 remaining in the AJSC account awaiting on checks to clear. Once checks are clear, any remaining balance in the AJSC account will be transferred to the ASSC account. Joe Washburn, ABSC Coordinator, transferred \$1,134.02 from the ABSC Account into the ASSC Account. This brings the total ASSC Account Balance to **\$17, 236.94**.

\*\*\*Notation: Special Meeting was held in December for review of the Peer Audit Committee Report and the proposed Operational Guidelines. The Peer Audit Committee Report would have typically been handled in our January meeting, but to start 2026 off with correct record keeping, it was necessary to hold a Special Meeting to approve the recommendations of the Peer Audit Committee in December 2025. Both the Peer Audit Committee Report and proposed Operational Guidelines were approved at that Special Meeting to be implemented in 2026.\*\*\*

## **V. Old Business:**

- a) **Breeder Scholarship Committee:** Currently we have Darren Bignar and Debbie Bacon as volunteers for this committee. We would like to have more volunteers so if you are interested, please reach out. Per Stacy Kirk, VP, money raised from the Facebook Live Fundraising event brought in \$4,125.00. After purchasing prizes there is roughly \$1,800.00 remaining which was to be allocated for scholarships. Suggestion to maybe provide (3) \$500.00 scholarships—this would be decided upon by the committee. The scholarships would be for AJSC/ABSC members.
- b) **Peer Audit Committee Update:** Making sure all accounts, except the ASSC account, are closed and remaining funds transferred into the ASSC account. We are only waiting for a few things to clear in the AJSC account. Otherwise, the only remaining 2025 funds to be expended would be the ASF exhibitor payouts, which are still pending review and determination.

## **VI. New Business:**

### **a) ASI Nominations:**

- i. Nominations are open for anyone interested in serving on ASI committees. There are various committees to participate on— however, there is no compensation for ASI committee work, and committee members are responsible for paying your own way to the annual meeting.
- ii. Dr. Morgan serves on a couple of committees and requested to be renominated for those.
- iii. Deadline for nominations is 2/6/26.
- iv. John Crangle has formerly gone in a Farm Bureau role—he reports there was rough 5 people from Arkansas. A farm bill was reviewed that affects funding for sheep people across the country. They are more commercially oriented rather than show focused.

**b) Election of Officers:**

- i. John Crangle moves to keep officers the same as 2025. This was seconded by Debbie Bacon.
- ii. Your 2026 ASSC Officers will be:
  - i. Trish Henry, President
  - ii. Stacy Kirk, Vice President
  - iii. Wanda Calloway, Treasurer
  - iv. Brandi Killins, Secretary
  - v. Joe Washburn, ABSC Coordinator
  - vi. Janeal Yancey, AJSC Coordinator
- iii. Trish notified membership that the Executive Committee Members meet monthly (except for two months in 2025) information and ideas from those meetings is provided to the General Membership at the quarterly meetings. Information and ideas for these monthly meetings comes from you all as breeders so please continue to reach out.

**c) Breeder Scholarship Committee:**

- i. Again, we have Darren Bignar and Debbie Bacon as volunteers on this committee. We are still trying to seat this committee so please reach out if you are interested.
- ii. The scholarship would be for AJSC and/or ABSC members. Otherwise, guidelines will need to be established by the committee members.

**d) Member Queries Discussion:**

- i. \*\*\*\*SEE BELOW—at the end of minutes\*\*\*\*

**e) Fundraising Needs/Ideas:**

- i. Not always fun, but necessary!
- ii. In 2025 we allocated a good prize package across the districts.
  - i. Prize package cost was roughly \$3,300.00
  - ii. We had \$2,500.00 in sponsorships
  - iii. Deficit of \$793.92
- iii. Districts did divide and conquer, which was amazing, but you can see how necessary fundraising is.

A few reminders from Trish Henry, President:

- Judge nominations will be coming out soon so be thinking about who your farm would like to nominate. There is a panel of (3) people who contact the judge collectively.
- Peer Review Committee is working to get all 2025 accounting and expenses resolved and will then provide a consistent method for use in determining payouts for ASF for 2025 and a formula to use for shows going forward. Bethany Malabanan has mocked something up that she will be reviewing with the Peer Review Committee.

Stacy Kirk extends a warm welcome to all new members.

## **d. Member Queries Discussion:**

### **1. Age Issue—What is the age limit for AJSC for 2026: 5-19 or 5-21?**

Per Trish Henry the current age limit is 5-19, but some other shows allow up to 21 years of age so there are mixed feelings in that regard. Floor opened for discussion.

Janeal's opinion is that jackpot awards should be limited to members ages 5-19. If there is an ABL show held in conjunction with another event that includes exhibitors over age 19, a former AJSC member may be permitted to extend their membership for that specific event.

Darren agrees the age limit should be 5-19 as this aligns with ASF and this is what the association is trying to mimic.

Aaron Mahan expressed concern regarding age eligibility consistency across the board. He noted that if the state show is held in Little Rock the age limit should be 10, but if AYE were the designated primary location then the age limit should be 21. He further stated if a jackpot exhibitor is 20 years old and wishes to show an ABL lamb, they should be allowed to do so. However, we have to adopt a uniform age standard for consistency. Debbie Bacon request clarification on ages. Per Janeal—ASF is 5-19 or the fall after you graduate high school. Debbie wants to know why ASF did not open it to age 21 if FFA members can be 21. Per Joe Washburn FFA members cannot show at the ASF if they are 21 as their rule states it's the fall after you graduate high school. Debbie wants to know why Arkansas didn't follow suite with other states. Per John Crangle one can now be FFA eligible at 5 years of age—for sure in Arkansas. To be eligible the individual must be affiliated with an FFA chapter within their school district, the required \$100 affiliation fee must be paid, and the high school chapter must be willing to manage the individual as a Junior member.

Stacy Kirk thinks whatever age we decide on we need to keep it consistent for AYE and the Jackpot series.

After discussion Trish Henry entertained a motion on the issue.

**Janeal Yancey moved to make a motion that Jackpot series, ASF, and AYE age limit should be 5-19 for all ABL shows. Seconded by Joe Washburn. No opposition.**

**Motion carries by acclamation ages 5-19 for all ABL shows.**

### **2. The Arkansas-Oklahoma district fair is requesting inclusion of Oklahoma showman in the Arkansas ABL show. Do we allow and provide prizes for showmen from other states or do we hold that district ABL show at another venue?**

Due to there being no ABL show held at AR-OK district fair for several previous years, Trish Henry approached Wes Newby in 2025 who was open to an ABL district show in 2026 as

long as ASSC ran and oversaw the show so that he was just responsible for providing the place and time at the fairgrounds. As time went on it seems something came about as Wes got silent. Per previous guidelines the ABL show was only open to Arkansas kids. Bryan Maye saw Wes Newby at the ASF Awards Ceremony and Wes says that Oklahoma kids must be included in the ABL show. Stacy Stone also says the Oklahoma kids must be included in the ABL show as well. Trish understands both sides in that if you have an Oklahoma kid with an Arkansas Bred Lamb you want it shown, but on the Arkansas side this is our district fair so why should we have to allow residents outside Arkansas to compete in this district fair when residents of other states can't compete in any other district fair in Arkansas. This can create difficulties is trying to secure funds because people in the state want their donations to stay in the state. There was an idea of hosting our own ABL show in Pope County. Stacy Kirk wants to add—the state of Arkansas granted \$48,000 to that show just as they do all the others. Historically, most of that Arkansas money has been won by Oklahoma kids and the funding in the district fair itself is flawed. Debbie Bacon stated it was always that way when her kids showed. Darren Bignar states when we start talking about moving the ABL show to Pope County this can create issues as NW District is moving their dates this year and it's in the middle of AYE so those kids are going to be looking for somewhere else to show. Darren is also curious what % of the money allocated from the state goes to livestock. Stacy states per House Bill 400 our kids are now allowed to show in any district as long as they only show in one. The problem with this came when some districts took a stand stating particular kids were not in their district and would not be allowed to receive those funds. Debbie Bacon: when our kids showed there was always Oklahoma kids showing ABL lambs which is still promoting the breeder I guess I don't get caught up in "who" is showing the lamb. Monty Rexwinkle: he knows he has sent lambs to Fort Smith to show in the ABL show. He also no longer wants to support the NW District fair because they are placing their dates right on top of AYE. Stacy Kirk states: it's not us as breeders I know we can compete no problem, but our Arkansas kids are having to compete against kids from another state there where none of our other districts have to do that. The other issue is securing sponsors because some people do not want their funds going out of state. John Crangle mentions he can foresee this becoming a snowball as these kids will want to become AJSC members and run the jackpot series and per Bethany Malaban they already can. Trish ask for the input of Brandi Killins who has kids that show in this district who states—I think the bigger problem is the funding and state dollars going out of state. I guess ultimately if we are competing against an Arkansas Bred lamb does it really matter what kid is showing it so much as the money leaving the state if an Oklahoma kid wins and Arkansas donors not wanting that.

Trish states it seems we have three options—1. Continue ABL District show at Fort Smith. 2. Move it to another location and only allow Arkansas kids. 3. Table it and let it ride another year and see what happens legislatively.

**Aaron Mahan makes a motion to have the Arkansas Oklahoma State Fair in Fort Smith and anyone with an ABL lamb in the appropriate age range can show. Britni Rexwinkle adds an amendment to the motion that any AR-OK exhibitor in the ABL**

**show must be an AJSC paid member and the lamb must be nominated just like our Arkansas kids have to do through AJSC. Motion with amendment seconded by John Crangle. Motion approved by acclamation.**

### **3. For ABL shows on the state levels (i.e. State Fair & AYE) do we run a wether dam show simultaneously?**

This was brought to Stacy Kirk as a recommendation—what they are wanting to do, if possible, instead of having a separate wether dam show, pull the highest placed ABL back in for the wether dam placement. It seems to be done easily at county fairs, but not sure how challenging it would be at state level. Janeal does not think that Scharidi will go for this. Per John Crangle: ASF already has a very crammed schedule. He mentions for instance this year “where will we have the ABL show?” (ASF/AYE/Both) Janeal states she likes the idea of having will be the same either way. And per Debbie to get a pen space at AYE you had to have the lamb nominated to bring it in even if only showing in the ABL show—ASF matched this requirement in 2025 due to lack of pen space, so all lambs must be nominated to bring them on the premises even if only for the ABL show.

Trish redirects—let’s go to the first issue John raised. Are we going to have an ABL show at AYE and ASF?

**Janeal makes a motion to have an ABL show at both AYE and ASF. Seconded by Monty Rexwinkle. Motion carries by acclamation.**

Per Stacy Kirk for post motion discussion—everyone has to be aware it’s twice the cost for judge/awards/ect so keep this in mind for fundraising.

Trish redirects back to the wether dam show—do we want to do this or table it for later discussion?

Per Stacy Kirk as John Crangle mentioned we are already strained for time on Thursday at ASF and then have to be back early on Friday for the Market show. Per Ben Collum there is plenty of time at AYE with the extra day, but per Darren Bignar they are cutting back a day this year. John Crangle has a suggestion (as done in a Texas show he watched)—Top two wether dams in each class is recognized by calling out the showers name and the breeder. We could call out however many the association voted on. This would require us to have someone on the sidelines keeping up with the information and announcing because the fair officials are not going to do this. Debbie Bacon asks—would we throw wether dams and purebred sheep together?

**Debbie Bacon suggests that the idea be tabled for future discussion. Hearing no motion on the matter, the idea was tabled for later consideration.**

### **4. Do we limit the number of ABL entries for state shows (i.e. State Fair & AYE)?**

Trish: Do we currently have a limit on ABL numbers? Janeal: It goes back to one of those things that may have been written down in a rule book many years ago—you can show as many as you want, but we are only going to pay you for up to three in the state ABL show.

There were years kids had 4 and I only paid them for the top 3. Trish : I also think that was the rule, but we cannot find it written anywhere. Do we want to put a number out there and limit that? **Monty Rexwinkle makes a motion to limit ABL entries to 3. Seconded by Joe Washburn. Stacy Kirk opposed, but majority won. Motion carries to limit lambs to 3 ABLs for state shows.**

**5. Do we expand the breeds on the ABL nomination form or simply say we will recognize the same breeds as the underlying show and classify onsite? And should we print our own ABL weight/breed show cards for ease in handling state shows?**

Trish: last year we voted to match the breed recognition offered by ASF. Last year we ran out of cards at ASF. Trish wants to know if we want to print our own cards with the breed on it? Some issues we ran into last year was that the classifier did not write what they classified the lamb as on the card and the kids did not know either. This brought many issues. It ultimately caused a record keeping nightmare and made things very difficult. **Stacy makes a motion that we print our own cards with date/weights/breeds and so forth. Seconded by Darren Bignar. Motion carries by acclamation.** Will discuss exactly how we want cards in the executive committee.

**6. For district fairs, should we award top 5 market and top 5 commercial?**

Stacy Kirk reports all other districts (unsure of NW) do a market show and a commercial ewe show and you are either in one or the other. Janeal states in NW you can show ewes both ways—commercial and market. Per Sarah Brammel there is not a ewe show at Fort Smith, but per Trish Henry there is ~~not~~, but it's on a completely different day. Per Stacy Kirk all districts did accommodate, but recommended awarding Top 5 Commercial Ewes. Monty Rexwinkles expresses his frustration with the NW district for moving their dates right on top of AYE because of a carnival and didn't ask anyone else for input. He has a problem with giving money to the NW district when they do not even consider if we will be attending AYE or not. He does not want the association telling him he has to go get money for the NW District show. Aaron Mahan expressed concern that if an ABL show is held at AYE this year it creates challenges for the NW District as the events would likely occur on the same day and at the same time. This overlap would make it difficult to promote and support the ABL show within the NW District and could result in little to no participation from ABL exhibitors. Trish Henry states there are issues far bigger than the ASSC can handle on the district level and whether we want to table this? Stacy Kirk states: numbers vary amongst the districts. We received a lot of kudos on the district fair prizes. I love AYE, but it has almost killed the district fairs. Per Trish—the problem is just so much bigger than us and the House Bill helped a lot, but it didn't solve all the problems. Janeal Yancey states she doesn't think we need to be supporting a district ABL show that restricts one of our state shows (AYE). Britni Rexwinkle agrees. Stacy Kirk states: how can we support all other districts, but not support the NW district. Debbie Bacon inquires what the overlapping dates are. Per Britni Rexwinkle—the NW District made a statement “that this year unfortunately the NW district

fair will have the same date as AYE and moving forward we hope this will not be an issue.” NW District fair will start Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> which is the same day as the Celebration of Champions for AYE. Debbie Bacon: can we not discuss with the NW district to see if the weigh in that Wednesday night could be moved to Thursday morning to help those kids out that want to do both. Also, I don’t think we should pull money from them as we give to all other districts. I think we should support it and hope it resolves itself next year and maybe they can try to work together to make a good decision. **Per Trish Henry—we likely should table the original question for now due to the larger issue facing the date conflict for the NW district and see if the NW district issue can get resolved through a check-in compromise for the benefit of kids who want to show at both the NW district fair and AYE.**

### **7. Should we institute a late payment penalty for dues not paid annually by March?**

Trish: this is more of a record keeping thing. When the Bylaws Committee got together early 2025 we moved the due date back from January to March, but do we need to implement a late payment if someone fails to pay by March? Stacy Kirk states this was the previous bylaws from 2019 until they were revised in 2025 that memberships were to be paid by the end of March. **Hearing no discussion, this matter was tabled for later discussion.**

### **8. Are we interested in pursuing lead line and wool grading in conjunction with state breeding shows. For example, have lead line in conjunction with state fair breeding sheep show and wool grading in conjunction with AYE breeding sheep show.**

Trish: We are looking to have a discussion about some different things or implement some things that were done formerly highlighting breeding sheep and the ABSC side of the association. Janeal Yancey asks: if this is something that is going to be breeding sheep oriented it needs to be with the breeding show, correct? Joe Washburn, ABSC Coordinator, responds yes it should. Stating, I think since we are going to have our open show and then our breeding sheep show on a Monday night, we could put this in place as an option if they wanted to hang around a little longer to do a lead line show. It’s really a neat thing to watch. Joe mentions they used to have it a long time ago at ASF before his time on this board. Per Debbie Bacon: it was not only for breeding kids and Joe Washburn agrees it would be for anybody who wanted to come in and do it. Stacy asked: whether ASI allocated some funds for that? Per Trish Henry, Wanda was looking at some grants ASI might have to offer. **As a committee we would like to look at pursuing these options since there is no opposition.**

**9. Are fall born animals (October, November and December) eligible to show?**

Aaron Mahan wants to clarify this would be going into 2027 shows. Per Trish Henry—yes that is correct. Monty Rexwinkle wants to know why we have a rule we can't enforce. John Crangle states: how do we enforce when they are born by January 1<sup>st</sup>? When you look at our industry elsewhere there are October lambs winning the following October show if they can keep the lamb put together. If you have October/November/December lambs it opens up the industry to those outside of Arkansas as well. Joe Washburn wants clarification: this is for the wether dam and ABL show correct? Per John Crangle—yes, since a judge will be able to tell if they are old and stale. Stacy Kirk doesn't see an issue with it and if we are talking about the 2027 season everyone has time to plan for it. **Aaron Mahan makes a motion to allow October, November and December born lambs to compete in ABL shows beginning 2027. Seconded by Monty Rexwinkle. No opposition. Motion carries by acclamation.**

**VII. Adjournment:** All matters of business being concluded, a motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Bacon and seconded by John Crangle, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

*Brandi Killins,*  
ASSC Secretary