

**American Oxford Sheep Association**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**June 21, 2013 / Springfield, IL**

The crowd of approximately 90 people were welcomed by President Duane Grimme as he called the Annual Membership Meeting of the American Oxford Sheep Association to order. Ed Bowman gave the invocation before the meal.

Following the meal, President Grimme introduced the officers and directors of the Association. The president then introduced guests Kenny Townsend, Merrill Neary and his wife Carol Neary. Mr. Neary, judge of the National Oxford Sale Show earlier in the day, then commented on the quality of the animals in the show and on past history of the Association and the Oxford breed.

Laura Meyer, chairperson of the National Oxford Queen Committee, introduced and thanked the three candidates who had applied to be the 2013 National Oxford Queen. Laura then introduced Augusta Sandoval of IL as the 2013 National Oxford Queen.

The President then presented awards (hand-crafted ceramic bowls with the National Show and Sale logo) to the exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rams and Ewes:

Grand Champion Ram—Double “O” Acres, Iowa

Reserve Grand Champion Ram – Houghtaling Oxfords, South Dakota

Grand Champion Ewe – Winning Ways Sheep Farm, Illinois

Reserve Grand Champion Ewe – Houghtaling Oxfords, South Dakota

The Directors announced that there would be no ram sift and that the floor price would be \$300.00 for all animals in the National Sale.

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting and the annual financial report was presented by Secretary/Treasurer David Trotter. Tony Weber made a motion to accept both these items, motion was seconded by John Apple. On voice vote the motion was approved.

There was no Old Business to be presented before the membership.

Under the topic of New Business, the following items were presented:

\*Myrna Sandburg requested that the Board of Directors consider an “in-family transfer” category and new reduced fee for this transfer. She stated that this new transfer category would compare to that being offered by the Suffolk and Dorset associations. An unofficial (and non-binding) show of hands indicated that none of the members present opposed this request.

\*Audrey Angus requested that the Board of Directors formalize the Oxford youth organization and also create an eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) member of the Board of Directors who would represent the youth organization.

\*Vernon Rich voiced a concern regarding violations of the breed characteristics standard primarily at shows and sales. Mr. Rich asked the Board of Directors to look into this issue.

\*Gene Mumaw asked that the Secretary update the Association’s membership lists (Senior and Junior) to reflect individuals who have either paid dues or registered sheep within the past 3 years.

President Grimme thanked Ron Brockmann (IL) for donating the ewe lamb which will be sold in the 2013 National Sale with funds being directed to the Association’s expenses and assessments for the All-American Junior Show. Laura and Andy Meyer (WI) volunteered to donate the 2014 Ewe Lamb for this same fund raiser.

Justin O'Brien (IA) announced that Caitlin Bennet (GA) is the recipient of the 2013 Oxford Foundation Flock Award. Justin thanked the following breeders for donating animals for the award: Double "A" Oxfords (IN), Marshall Sheep Co. (SD), The Van Roekel Family (IA), Ron Brockmann (IL), and Darwin Hall (IL).

The floor was then opened for nominations for judge for the 2014 National Oxford Show and Sale. The following people were nominated: Evan Snyder, Kent Spilde, and John Mrozinski. Voting by the members present was conducted and Evan Snyder (PA) was selected as the first choice with John Mrozinski (IN) selected as the second choice.

The next item of business was to elect directors for Districts 7 and 4. President Grimme thanked Darrell Hall for his service to the Association as an officer (most recently serving as the current Vice President) and as the Director representing District 4 for two (2) terms. President Grimme stated that Mr. Hall had completed the maximum number of consecutive terms and that a new Director from District 4 would need to be elected. The President also stated that Keith Stumbo (NY) had completed one term and was eligible for re-election for a second term representing District 7. The floor was opened for nominations for Director of District 7. Tony Weber nominated Keith Stumbo. No other nominations were offered. Wayne O'Brien made a motion to close the nominations and instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Keith Stumbo; the motion was seconded by Tony Weber and on voice vote the motion was approved. The President opened the floor to nominations for Director from District 4. Lisa Mott was nominated by Harry Bloom, Kermit Daniels was nominated by Audrey Angus, and Darwin Hall was nominated by Wayne O'Brien. Brenda Lobdell made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Ron Brockmann; on voice vote the motion was approved. Ballots were distributed to all current members of the Association in attendance. Marked ballots were collected and counted. It was announced that Lisa Mott had received the majority of the votes cast and therefore will serve as the District 4 Director.

It was announced that a group of Montadale breeders from Illinois had contacted Secretary Trotter and the Border Cheviot Secretary (Jeff Ebert) and expressed interest in holding a sale in conjunction with the two breeds in 2014. These Montadale breeders have requested a response by the end of July 2013. President Grimme appointed a committee consisting of Darrell Hall, Jay Franzen and David Trotter to meet with a similar committee appointed by the American Cheviot Sheep Society and the Montadale breeders to work out details regarding this proposal.

It was announced that 2 Oxford sheep were being housed in the North Sheep Barn at the fairgrounds currently and that the owner of these animals was being sought as the Association was not renting this building at the State Fairgrounds. No one offered information as to the owner of these animals.

President Grimme then closed the Annual Meeting with his comments and an Association year-end review. Following the President's remarks, a motion was made by Darrell Hall, seconded by John Apple, to close the Annual Meeting and adjourn to the activities of a benefit auction of donated items for funding of the Association's expenses with the All-American Junior Show. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Trotter  
Secretary