

**American Oxford Sheep Association
Annual Meeting
June 22, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Duane Grimme at 7:00 PM in Springfield, IL. Approximately 90 people were in attendance. President Grimme reminded those in attendance that in order to vote on any issues during the Annual Meeting, a member's annual membership dues must be paid and current by 7:30 PM this evening.

Before the meal, Ed Bowman of TN offered the invocation. Following the meal, President Grimme welcomed everyone in attendance. He then introduced David Trotter as the new Association Secretary-elect and then discussed the selection process that the Board of Directors had used.

Oxford Queens in attendance were introduced: Augusta Sandoval-IL State Oxford Queen and Natasha Franzen-IA State Oxford Queen. These young ladies were presented with a thank you card and \$20 from the AOSA in appreciation for representing Oxfords in their respective state, district and at other events. There were no applicants for the position of National Oxford Queen.

National Show awards were presented to: Everett Oxfords (Jim, Kathy and Jeff Everett) of Upper Black Eddy, PA – Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Rams; Perzee Oxfords (Cliff and Karen Perzee and Paige Coyne) of Clifton, IL – Grand Champion Ewe; Winning Ways Sheep Farm (Darrell, Melanie and Lee Ann Hall) of Moweaqua, IL – Reserve Grand Champion Ewe.

The introduction of the 2012 Hall of Fame Award nominee was made by Tony Weber. Tony gave a historical background on Ron O'Brien, the 2012 nominee. Tony also stated that the nomination form for this award can be found at the Association's website.

Director John Apple announced the 2011 Ewe Lamb Futurity results. There were 47 ewe lambs nominated with 11 actually participating by sending in show results. These 11 ewe lambs were exhibited by 8 junior members. The total prize money that was distributed to participants was \$1,175.00. The national and District 7 winner was Austin Grace, NH with Emerald Valley Farm Oxfords 234. Other district winners were:

District 3 – Jillian Bingen, WI with Double "O" Acres 11-015

District 4 – Tori Woods, IL with Price-Wamsley 0261

District 5 – Nicole Berry, OH with Weber 11

Audrey Angus and Brenda Lobdell recognized the 2012 youth activities winners. The activities included showmanship and promotional (poster, ad design, essay, and photo) contests all held in conjunction with the National Show and Sale. Coordinators of the youth activities were Audrey Angus, Kelly Wright, Peggy Dey, and Brenda Lobdell. The coordinators thanked the owners of the animals used in the showmanship contests.

The winner of the 2012 Foundation Flock Award was announced by Wayne and Shelley O'Brien, coordinators of this program. The winner is Jeremy and Brooke West of Huntsville, TN. Breeders who donated animals for the award were: Reid Family Oxfords, Chris Meyer, Ryan Grimme, Luke Benjamin, and Ron Shrout.

President Grimme thanked Kenny Townsend (Townsend Equipment) for sponsoring the Best Consignment Award, Kent Spilde for judging the National Show and the Youth Committee coordinators/advisors.

A motion was made by M.Sanburg, seconded by E.Bowman, to approve the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting as published. On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mary Blome gave the Treasurer's Report for the year. She stated that the current bank balance of the Association was \$8,183.62.

A motion was made by K.Stumbo, seconded by F.Silva, to accept the Treasurer's Report. On voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Under old business, President Grimme discussed upcoming events:

*2012 NAILE Jr. Breeding Show – Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012

*2012 NAILE Open Show – Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012 (3:30 pm)

*2013 National Oxford Show and Sale – June 21-22, 2013

*2012 Ewe Lamb Futurity – points begin after the National Sale and end after the NAILE Jr. Breeding Show

*2012 Ewe Lamb Donation for the All-American Jr. Show – Winning Ways Sheep Farm – was thanked for their generous donation

*2013 Ewe Lamb Donation for the All-American Jr. Show – Ron Brockman volunteered to make this donation

Under new business, it was decided by consensus that the price floor on both lambs and yearlings at the National Sale will be \$300.

John Apple was recognized and thanked for his service to the Association as he completes his final term on the Board of Directors.

President Grimme opened the floor for nominations for Director positions.

Shelly O'Brien nominated Ed Bowman to serve as District 6 Director, seconded by Jeremy Hatfield. Wayne O'Brien nominated Frank Silva to serve as District 1 Director, seconded by Harry Blome. Ed Bowman made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Ryan Grimme. On voice vote, the motion to close nominations and elect Ed Bowman and Frank Silva was approved unanimously.

Nominations were opened for judge of the 2013 National Show. Van Cruit and Merrill Neary were nominated. **Harry Blome made the motion to close nominations, seconded by Tony Weber. On voice vote the motion was approved.** Ballots were distributed to members to vote and once ballots were collected and tallied, it was announced that Merrill Neary had been selected.

A special retirement tribute and gift presentation was made honoring Harry and Mary Blome for their dedication to the Association.

Frank Silva made a motion, seconded by Wayne O'Brien, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Donated items were auctioned in a lively bidding to raise funds for the All-American Jr. Show.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Trotter
Secretary-elect