

**American Oxford Sheep Association  
Annual Meeting  
June 20, 2014 / Springfield, IL**

The gathering of nearly 80 people were welcomed by President Duane Grimme as he called the Annual Membership Meeting of the American Oxford Sheep Association to order. Lisa Mott 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, Debbie Trotter and Greg Deakin.

Laura Meyer, chairperson of the National Oxford Queen Committee, introduced and thanked the candidates who had applied to be the 2014 National Oxford Queen. Laura then thanked Augusta Sandoval (IL), the 2013 National Oxford Queen, for her representation of Oxfords during the past year. Laura then introduced Elisabeth Ward of Missouri as the 2014 National Oxford Queen.

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

Grand Champion Ram – Jeremy Hatfield (IL) – Late Jr. Ram Lamb  
Reserve Grand Champion Ram – Winning Ways Sheep Farm (IL) – Early Jr. Ram Lamb  
Grand Champion Ewe – Double “A” Oxfords (IN) – Yearling Ewe  
Reserve Grand Champion Ewe – Winning Ways Sheep Farm (IL) – Yearling Ewe

It was announced that the Board Of Directors had determined that there would not be a ram shift for this year’s national sale. The Board of Directors also determined that the floor prices for the sale would be \$300.00 for yearlings and \$250.00 for all lambs in the national sale this year.

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting and the annual financial report were presented by Secretary/Treasurer David Trotter. Tony Weber moved, John Apple seconded, to accept the minutes as presented. On voice vote, the motion was approved with no objections. Harry Blome made a motion to accept the financial report as presented; the motion was seconded by Jeremy Hatfield. On voice vote, the motion was approved without objections.

Under “Old Business”, the President stated that the Board of Directors had discussed the possibility of a reduced fee or even a “no fee” charge for in-family transfers. President Grimme stated that after much discussion, the Board of Directors had decided to keep the cost of all transfers at the current amounts with no special arrangements for in-family transfers.

In other “Old Business”, the Secretary reported that the membership list (Juniors and Seniors) had been updated as requested at the 2013 Annual Meeting and that the current mailing lists and the membership lists in the annual Directory and on the Association’s website reflect those updates.

Under “New Business”, Justin O’Brien requested that an oral Secretary’s report be given at future Annual Meetings and that the agenda of the Annual Meeting reflect this addition.

Special recognitions and awards were then presented as follows:

- Hall of Fame – Tony Weber announced the induction of Harry and Mary Blome into the American Oxford Sheep Association’s Hall of Fame.

- Oxford Foundation Flock Award – Justin O’Brien announced that the recipient of the Oxford Foundation Flock for 2014 is Christina O’Brien of New Jersey. Justin thanked the following breeders for donating animals for the award: Edgewood Farms (IL), Weber Livestock Company (WI), Midwest Oxfords (IN), and Houghtaling Oxfords (SD).

President Grimme thanked Andy and Laura Meyer (WI) for donating the ewe lamb that will be sold in the 2014 National Sale with funds being directed to the Association’s expenses and assessments for the All-American Junior Sheep Show. No one volunteered to donate the 2015 Ewe Lamb for this same fund raiser however, Shelley O’Brien volunteered to donate one of her original art pieces.

Audry Angus and Brenda Lobdell presented special awards to junior members who participated in the special activities that day at the show. Awards were presented for first and second place in three divisions (junior, intermediate and senior). An overall high-point award was presented to Natasha Franzen (IA).

The floor was then opened for nominations for judge for the 2015 National Oxford Show and Sale. Harry Blome nominated Curt Burke (IL), Mike Kirby seconded the nomination. Dan Spilde (WI) was nominated by Ric Isaacson, seconded by Ryan Grimme. A motion to close nomination was made by Tony Weber, seconded by Bill Edwards. The motion to close nominations was approved on voice vote with no objections. Voting for the two judge nominations was conducted by ballot and Dan Spilde was selected as the first choice.

The next item of business was to elect directors for Districts 2, 3 and 5. Duane Grimme was recognized and thanked for his service to the Association as both an officer and the Director representing District 5 for two terms. It was stated that Mr. Grimme had now completed the maximum number of consecutive terms and that a new Director from District 5 would need to be elected. It was further stated that both Laura Meyer and Jay Franzen had completed one term and were eligible for re-election for a second term representing Districts 3 and 2 respectively. The floor was then opened for nominations for directors representing these three districts. Tony Weber made a motion to re-elect Laura Meyer and Jay Franzen and to elect Stacy Johnson (OH) as directors and to close the nominations and instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot, the motion was seconded by Bill Edwards. On voice vote, the motion was approved without objection.

In other business, the Board of Directors announced the following actions from their meeting on the evening of June 19, 2015:

- \*Minutes of any Board of Directors meeting will be shared with any member of the Association upon request.
- \*Annual dues for Senior members will increase to \$20 effective with the 2015 dues.
- \*The contract with the AOSA Secretary/Treasurer was renewed for 2015 and a 2-yr. roll-over to be done annually.
- \*The 2015 National Oxford Show and Sale was set for June 19-20 and will be held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, IL.
- \*The name of the National Oxford Show (open show) at the NAILE will be changed to the Mary Blome National Oxford Show.

A motion was made by Harry Blome, seconded by Jeremy Hatfield, 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 Sheep Show. On voice vote, the motion was approved with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Trotter  
Secretary/Treasurer