

2019 Biennial Meeting of the NLSBA  
May 4, 2019

The Biennial Meeting of the National Lincoln Sheep Breeders Association was called to order at 8:04am by President Robin Meek in the 4-H building, at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival 2019. There were 27 members present, plus 3 officers.

The Secretary and Treasurers' reports were presented and approved as read.

Old business is as follows;

Several problems were expressed concerning the newsletter and the President informed the membership that Tiffany Deakin has resigned as editor effective after the present newsletter. The reason cited was time constraints on her part and she would be willing to help a new person with the transition.

Emma Long spoke on the website and promised to update the directory quarterly and post photos. She reminded the membership to make sure their contact information is up to date with the registry, since this is the source for all publications and contacts. Some members commented that the site is very stagnant, out of date and contains no current show pictures. The body seemed to feel that fair results are very important to see as well as Junior pictures both on the farm and at the fairs. This needs to be an educational site, where prospective members can go to learn.

Darlene Leary reported on the Facebook page. It is available for free advertising and has 421 followers to date. If anyone has information they would like to have posted, please send it to Darlene or Diane Klingelhofer and they will get it up immediately.

Also mentioned was the Lincoln Sheep Enthusiasts site that is monitored by Chris Jones.

Rob Sando reported on the Lincoln Futurity Program which is now open to on-line and private treaty farm sales. He reminded members and participants to fill out paper work properly and completely so that it will be accepted. Last year was a record year and he and Blake Campbell are looking forward to another exceptional season.

There was a brief discussion of upcoming shows; Junior All American, The Big E, Keystone International Livestock Expo and North American International Livestock Expo. The show at the Big E will be held on Sunday morning this year. KILE will be a mixed show for the second year. In 2018 there was a tremendous turnout of 70 animals. Anita Richert, new superintendent, is excited about NAILE 2019.

The President also reminded members to be familiar with the website and all that it has to offer including record keeping aids. These include forms for sponsorship, donations, expense reports, registration of animals, futurity, membership, etc. All forms can be printed from the

web and may be used for clarity and uniformity. Remember NLSBA is a recognized non-profit organization and any donations are tax deductible. You will receive a thank you and a receipt as proof, but the check must be made out to NLSBA and be deposited in our account.

The following items were discussed as New Business;

Member Jeb Stevens presented a problem registering animals in 3 children's names and desired a ruling on this situation, so that registrations may proceed. After considerable discussion, the body voted to allow the registration to occur in multiple sibling's names, but responsibility lies with the exhibitor to understand that the Futurity and many shows require only one name be on the registration. Therefore, while listing multiple owners may be beneficial under certain circumstances, it may also limit participation.

A concise and uniform date was also discussed as a cut off for membership, dues, directory listing, and voting. Motion was made, seconded, and voted that June 1 should be that date. Reminders should go out on social media, the web site, and newsletter. This should also be noted on the registration forms as soon as possible. If dues are not paid by the June 1 deadline, then the name will not be in the current directory.

A discussion ensued concerning communication with membership, such as deadlines, sales, voting, newsflashes, etc. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the best method is a small postcard to be mailed by the registry at the board's request.

The National Lincoln Sale was addressed. Options were Illinois in June ( too late for Futurity nomination), Wooster( always a good sale),and Indiana( mid-May, mostly market). Also considered were west coast availabilities. There was no resolution.

Lastly, President Meeks presented the 2019 Election Slate of Nominees on the behalf of the nominating committee. They are as follows;

President- Joe Haddock

Vice President- Joe Campbell

Secretary/Treas- Debbie Vanderwende

East-Emma Long

Illinois/Indiana-Anita Richert

West/Midwest- Nathan Lein

Harvey Warrick moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Debbie Moore, but motion was not carried because more time was desired. After further consideration, Warrick again motioned and Moore seconded and motion was passed.

Rob Sando moved and Mike Radar seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10am. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Vanderwende  
Sec/Treas NLSBA

