



American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2024

7 PM CST

zoom

Attendance: Justin Ransom (President), Ben Binkley (Vice President), Sharon Holman, Kerry Paul, Charlie Taylor, LeAnn Winters, JR Howard, Doug Gillespie and Karla Blackstock (Executive Director)
Absent: Brian Faris

The meeting was called to order by President Justin Ransom at 7:06 PM CST

I. Minutes

The minutes from the April meeting were distributed via email. Kerry Paul moved to accept the April minutes with the date change. Doug Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Financial Report:

Karla Blackstock presented the financial report. LeAnn Winters moved to table the finances to allow for the Duncan report to be completed. Doug Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Executive Directors Report

Karla Blackstock reported on ADSBS staff activities, registrations, and membership activities.

Karla Blackstock presented the agenda and minutes for the annual meeting in Duncan, as well as the sale report and upcoming Dorper Report and Dorper Journal.

IV. Old Business

- a. Duncan report out – Karla is going back through the financials to determine what expenses and income is tied to Duncan and clean up each line item.
- b. Duncan was discussed. LeAnn and Doug agreed that the Society needs to determine what the incentive is to bring buyers and sellers to Duncan. Is it a focus on quality? Do we need to sift more so that it is an elite sale? Kerry Paul said there needs to be more sale and less show. Justin requested that a survey be put together to ask buyers and sellers what they think Duncan should be. Doug said National Sale designation used to move around. LeAnn agreed that attendance was then tied to where it was. Justin requested a path forward. Doug and Sharon both discussed surveying the buyers that did NOT come to find out why. Sharon mentioned that the economy is weak and registrations / transfers are flat also so it could be a bigger problem than just Duncan. Ben mentioned adding a mature or proven ram class as the younger fall rams are difficult to sell.
- c. Committees - Committee chairmen will decide when they each want to report findings back to the Board.

V. New Business

- a. Southern States – Karla reported out on the youth Southern States committee. Competitions will be the same as in Duncan for the youth. Ben mentioned the need to advertise on Top Livestock Company.
- b. Funding Requests – California was revisited with the notion that Alex Wolfe would be the judge. Funding was not changed and will be supported at the previous year's amount of \$1,500.

VI. **Adjourn** – A motion was made by Kerry Paul to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Doug Gillespie. Motion passed. The meeting ended at – 8: 48 PM CST. The next Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Minutes recorded and submitted by Karla Blackstock.