



**American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

July 16, 2024

7 PM CST

zoom

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ben Binkley at 7:05 PM CST

**I. Minutes**

The minutes from the June meeting were distributed via email. Doug Gillespie moved to accept the minutes. Charlie Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**II. Financial Report:**

Karla Blackstock presented the financial report. No action was taken.

**III. Executive Directors Report**

Karla Blackstock reported on ADSBS staff activities, registrations, and membership activities. She notified the BOD of a potential server problem with the ABRI server for registrations. Ronda is keeping Karla informed of the situation, and Karla will take immediate action and inform the BOD of changes and necessary support.

**IV. Old Business**

- a. Southern States – Southern States checks have been mailed out. Karla informed the BOD that Tina Walker was very detailed with the clerking and the online portion seemed to go much smoother than Duncan. There was a lot of discussion around the order of the catalog, and the default settings on the ShowmanApp which caused sheep to default to a ram. It was confusing to buyers and will be corrected before using the same online app again.
- b. Committees
  - i. Finance committee – Karla reported on the finance committee work. The committee is working on the RFP for the new registry and will have one ready by the Aug. 20 BOD meeting. They are also working on the chart of accounts. Karla is almost complete with that project and it seems to be going smoothly. They will be usable by Aug. 1. She also presented a compliance calendar that she has been working on gave the BOD an update on it.
  - ii. Youth – The youth committee will begin in July.
  - iii. Member Education Services – Brian reported on the member education committee. They had a great first meeting
  - iv. Research and Data–The committee has not met yet; however, Kerry Paul spoke with Bill Kuecker who suggested that the committee review the carcass data from West Virginia or Virginia. He also suggested to collect data from large auction barns that will have data on Dorper, Dorper Crosses and other sheep.

**V. New Business**

- a. Duncan Survey – Karla Blackstock presented a PowerPoint presentation with results from the National Show & Sale in Duncan. Nearly 120 individuals responded. The BOD will fully review the results to take appropriate action.
- b. Funding Requests – DK Dorpers submitted a funding request for a South African judge to visit 10 farms in the US. The BOD discussed the events. Brian moved to not approve

the request. Doug Gillespie seconded the motion. In response to the funding request from DK Dorpers, LeAnn moved to send a funding request form approval process to the Executive Committee so that a policy can be formed.

- c. Other Business – Karla Blackstock reported that the Texas Animal Health Commission rejected the proposed change to sheep importation regulations. Karla also reported that the office will contact all judges who do not respond to the survey to update contact information.
- VI. **Adjourn** – A motion was made by Doug Gillespie to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Sharon Holman. Motion passed. The meeting ended at – 9:28 PM CST. The next Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Karla Blackstock.