



American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2025

7 PM CST

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Attendance: Justin Ransom (President), Sharon Holman (Vice President), Kerry Paul, LeAnn Winters, Jared Frieze, Ben Binkley, Justin Marschall, Brian Faris, Doug Gillespie and Karla Blackstock (Executive Director)

The meeting was called to order by President Justin Ransom at 7:01 PM CST

I. Minutes

April minutes were presented. LeAnn Winters requested to correct the minutes to reflect that the judges' school is in Kahoka the week afterward with EweTrack sponsoring the international travel. Doug Gillespie made a motion to accept as amended. Ben Binkley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. Financial Report:

The financial report was presented. Doug Gillespie made the motion to approve the report. Kerry Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Executive Directors Report

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

IV. Old Business

- a. Southern States
- b. Digital Transition – Karla Blackstock Presented the Digital Dorper system and discussed the transition plans.

V. New Business –

- a. A bylaw proposition by Will Phipps was presented. A bylaws proposition submitted by Karla Blackstock was presented, as well as a proposition by Sharon Holman. There was discussion around each proposition. The Board unanimously decided to review, amend and vote on each proposition separately.
 - i. Brian Faris made a motion to approve Will Phipp's amendments as they pertain to 5.10 and 8.4. Jared Frieze seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - ii. Doug Gillespie made a motion to table discussion around 5.4, 6.5 and 10.2. Kerry Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - iii. LeAnn Winters made a motion, with Kerry Paul as a second, to approve the bylaw, submitted by Will Phipps, as it pertained by 5.2 for which a roll call vote was called. Yes: LeAnn Winters, Kerry Paul, Ben Binkley, and Doug Gillespie. No: Brian Faris, Sharon Holman, Jared Frieze and Justin Marschall. Justin Ransom broke the tie. Motion failed.
 1. The amendment would remove all at-large directors with regional elections to vote for 3 directors from each region.
 - iv. LeAnn Winters made a motion to table the alternate proposal to the 5.2 bylaws due it not being in writing. Kerry Paul seconded the motion. Yes: LeAnn Winters, Kerry Paul, Ben Binkley, and Doug Gillespie. No: Brian Faris, Sharon Holman, Jared Frieze and Justin Marschall. Justin Ransom broke the tie. Motion failed.
 - v. A motion to approve the alternate proposal to 5.2, submitted by Sharon Holman, was made by Justin Marschall. Sharon Holman seconded the motion. No: Kerry

Paul, and Ben Binkley. Yes: Brian Faris, Sharon Holman, Jared Frieze and Justin Marschall. Abstain: LeAnn Winters, Doug Gillespie. Motion carried.

1. The amendment allows each region to vote for 2 directors who serve their region with the remaining 3 serving at-large.
- vi. Brian Faris made a motion to deny the proposed amendments to 4.1 and 4.5. Jared Frieze seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Doug Gillespie presented the realignment proposal since it is a year ending in 5. There was a discussion regarding membership. Doug will reassess the numbers based on the date from December 2024.
- c. Sections 3.8-3.10 were discussed. Justin Ransom, along with Justin Marschall, will come back to the Board with a policy on the code of conduct.
- d. Brian Faris made a motion to stay in Duncan. Doug Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.
- e. Judging School Proposals – LeAnn Winters presented the senior course, with possible junior course, to be held in Kohoka, Mo, in September. Half of the travel for the judge is paid by EweTrack. Justin Marschall made a motion to accept LeAnn’s proposal. Ben Binkley seconded the motion. LeAnn Winters abstained. Motion carried.
- f. Brian Faris presented a judges’ school and certification to be held in San Antonio, Texas, in August. Brian will have a list of influential judges across the United States who are interested in learning more about the Dorper and White Dorper standards. Jared Frieze made a motion to accept Brian’s proposal. Doug Gillespie seconded the motion. A role call vote was requested. Yes – Jared Frieze, Justin Marschall, Doug Gillespie, Brian Faris, Sharon Holman, Ben Binkley No- LeAnn Winters, Kerry Paul.
- g. Futurity Program – Karla Blackstock presented a change to the futurity program. Ewes that are offspring of a youth sibling partnership will be accepted into the Bred & Owned if one of those siblings chooses to transfer the animal in the sole ownership of the child. Kerry Paul made a motion to accept the presented change. Doug Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- h. Affiliate Program – Tabled until June due to time constraints.
- i. Funding requests – Karla Blackstock presented the Chisholm Trail and Arizona National. Doug Gillespie made a motion to support the Chisholm Trail with \$500. Jared Frieze seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Arizona National was tabled due to time constraints.
- j. Fort Worth Judge – Tabled due to time constraints.

VI. **Adjourn** – Kerry Paul made the motion to adjourn. Jared Frieze seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Karla Blackstock.