



American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

7 PM CST

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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 President Justin Ransom at 7:00 PM CST

I. Minutes

The minutes from the July meeting were distributed via email. Minutes will be amended to clarify that trophies are ordered for the 3 regional shows (NAILE, Fort Worth, and the California State Fair, as well as for Southern States and the National Show & Sale. Sharon Holman moved to accept the minutes as amended. Charlie Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Financial Report:

Karla Blackstock presented the financial report, which included the year-to-date overview. Kerry Paul moved to approve the financial report. Ben Binkley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Executive Directors Report

Karla Blackstock reported on ADSBS staff activities, registrations, and membership activities. She also discussed the RFP for the Katahdin registry, the report out by Jake Thorne on research from the Texas A&M Agrilife center, and the Dorper Journal. The Dorper Report is at the printer.

IV. Old Business

a. Committees

- i. Finance – Justin Ransom discussed the GL refinement and requested that each committee define their 2025 resources. The finance committee will report on Q3 in November. Karla Blackstock discussed the investments that are maturing in October and discussed the need for a decision on investments in the October meeting.
- ii. Youth – Karla Blackstock discussed the youth committee meeting and will have a full report out in October. The NAILE and Fort Worth Ambassador program applications are available online and sponsorships for NAILE are currently being requested to offset youth costs.
- iii. Member Education Services – Brian Faris will work with Karla Blackstock to schedule dates for the committee.
- iv. Research and Data– Kerry Paul discussed a Texas A&M app that may help Dorper breeders determine the optimal times to sell.
- v. National Show & Sale Task Force – Justin Ransom and Karla Blackstock reviewed the task force's recommendations.
 1. Date – Brian Faris moved to change the date from the third weekend to the second weekend of April to avoid Easter. Doug Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 2. Location – There was discussion around other locations, such as Wichita Falls, Stillwater, OKC, Fort Worth and Tulsa. Kerry Paul moved to keep the NS&S in Duncan. Doug Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 3. Commercial Livestock – The BOD discussed adding commercial ewes

to the NS&S, but no decision was made. Kerry Paul moved to add a commercial pen of 5 ewes with registered sires added to the NS&S. Motion failed for lack of a second.

4. Culling – A small task force will be set up to designate sifters who will work with the paint branding crew to identify and sift animals with structural and reproductive faults. Doug Gillespie and Charlie Taylor will lead this team.
5. Wether-Maker Show – The addition of a wether-maker show was discussed, but no decision was made. The youth show facilities and ability to have more animals in the building was also discussed. Brian Faris moved to table the Commercial, Youth and Wether-Maker shows until a special meeting can be set up. Ben Binkley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Ultrasound – The ultrasound initiative was discussed. Doug Gillespie moved to ultrasound all rams and all yearlings. Brian Faris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. New Business

- a. Judge Ethics – Karla Blackstock presented a judge ethics policy. Discussion ensued. Karla Blackstock will continue to refine the policy. No action was taken.
- b. Amend July minutes – Doug Gillespie moved to amend the July minutes to state that Cathy Diaz was requesting funding for 15 farm visits, instead of 10. Kerry Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Funding Requests – Karla Blackstock brought the funding request from Cindy Vick from the Mississippi Haired Sheep Association. Kerry Paul moved to provide \$250 toward their field day. Doug Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- VI. **Adjourn** – Brian Faris moved to adjourn the meeting and move to an Executive Session. Charlie Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Karla Blackstock.