

The 2023 Annual Winter Meeting was held via Zoom Monday February 6th at 7 pm. Janeal Yancey had emailed notification and a follow-up with the Zoom link to all paid 2022 ASSC members.

The meeting began at approximately 7:15 due to some attendees having connection issues.

In attendance:

1. Mike Reynolds
2. Britni & Monty Rexwinkle
3. Aaron Mahan
4. Joe Washburn
5. Sarah Massey
6. Melinda Dobbs
7. Carly Bokker
8. Wanda Calloway
9. Robert McDonald
10. Brandi Killins
11. Stacy Kirk
12. Sarah Bramall
13. Janeal Yancey
14. Dr. Dan Quadros
15. Darren Bignar
16. Debbie Bacon
17. Bryan Maye
18. Robin Harlow
19. Lance Weaver

Mike Reynolds opened the meeting with the financial reports being presented.

Wanda Calloway provided the ASSC current balance is \$5791.43. She had \$414 to Novel in March for the website and \$392 in October to ASI that is paid out of this.

Janeal Yancey provided the AJSC balance. The revenue was \$12,690 and expenses were \$13,141.50. The account as of 01/10/2022 was \$4169.85 and 01/11/2023 \$3837.74.

She stated the number of junior exhibitors was up, but the overall number of lambs were about the same.

Janeal and Wanda looked up the Breeding Sheep Council's bank balance and reported it is \$842.61.

Mike asked if there was any old business, and none was reported.

Mike asked if there was any new business. Britni asked if he planned to go over the email of concerns she had sent to him and the officers. She had emailed some items that had been addressed to her by others throughout the previous year. He stated he had that on the agenda to address.

- Britni had asked per email if something needs voted on tonight if we can have a follow up meeting to vote rather. It was explained they had tried that in years past and a different group of people were at the 2nd meeting making it ineffective.
 - Mike stated that rather if something needs voted on that is mentioned in the meeting tonight we can follow up with a poll to all who are in attendance. However, that is not indefinite.
- Britni had asked per email about a spring state sheep show.
 - Mike explained that he has not heard of anything from the state fair, but the last the state fair had said was the only shows that could happen in the spring were if they could pay for themselves.
 - He stated that 2 years ago they had the Rock City show, but it wound up not being anything to do with the state fair.
 - Wanda asked if there was a new State Fair Manager and Mike said it was Tiffany. They are supposed to finish accepting resumes for a new Livestock Superintendent.
- Britni had asked about revising the dates for breeders to have lambs nominated because its currently 07/1 and the exhibitors have until 07/31.
 - Debbie Bacon made a motion to change the breeder deadline to nominate lambs to 08/21 with a 2 week email reminder from Janeal.
 - Britni made the 2nd.
 - All were in favor and it passed.
- Britni had emailed concerns about the awards ceremony at the state fair. Parents felt they could not see or hear it. The awards and the fitting contest ran on top of each other.
 - Mike said that they never expected so many for the fitting contest and that moving forward it would be broke down into two groups for junior and senior.
 - Mike said that there were plenty of breeders and even officers there that could have helped.
 - Britni stated yes and they would have been glad to, but there needs to be better communication.
 - Debbie stated this is not necessarily the place to discuss the junior stuff, but stated Janeal needs some help.
 - Britni asked when is the time because they do not have a meeting for them.
 - Carly Bokker stated she would be glad to help Janeal with the Junior stuff.
- Britni had emailed asking why we no longer have junior officers.
 - Janeal stated since she has been doing this she had not found what they could do. People thought it was fun to nominate 6 year old and such and made it difficult to communicate with young kids in the past.

- Britni explained that they just said they need help at the State Fair, so right there is something these kids could help with.
- Janeal mentioned having an application possible for a Junior Team outlining the responsibilities, but was not sure what that would be.
- Mike asked Janeal to put something together and we will go from there.
- Britni had emailed that the points system need some revision.
 - Mike said he, Janeal and Julie Carter have talked about the best way to do this for a long time now.
 - He said its never been right.
 - He had an idea that maybe we should waive show sanctioning fees and require them to choose a top 5, maybe payout classes to equal entries, etc.
 - Debbie motioned that a committee be put together to do this.
 - Aaron Mahan made a 2nd.
 - All were in favor.
 - The committee nominated was Stacy Kirk, Janeal Yancey and Monty Rexwinkle
- Bryan Maye addressed AYE only allowing wether lambs to show.
 - As he stated it this essentially eliminated a large percentage of the lambs, we raise from being able to show.
 - He asked that we all stand against them prohibiting ewes from showing.
 - Britni explained to Bryan that this is why she had emailed about not voting tonight on decisions that we do not have enough information on. Last year we had voted to support and add money to AYE and then they almost immediately changed it to only wethers showing. This caused emails to go back and forth, and it was never completely addressed after that.
 - Britni explained ABL is inclusive to include both wethers and ewes, but AYE is not.
 - Janeal shared we did pay the ABL breed champions in the market show, Grand ABL, Reserve ABL Market, and the ABL Grand and reserve ewes at AYE in 2022.
 - Janeal mentioned we should not decide anything about AYE when we do not know what they are doing and Robin Harlow is not in attendance at this time.
 - Everyone agreed with that.
 - Stacy Kirk wanted to know if there was any recognition for AYE?
- Aaron Mahan asked about the Spring ABL Lamb Sale.
 - This took place in Little Rock 2 years ago and Fayetteville last year.
 - There was not a good turn out last year and good lambs sold at sale barn prices.
 - Mike said we have to have a captive audience and getting with the pig guys is the best option.
 - Aaron asked about adding a futurity show back either the same day or following day.
 - Mike told him to take it and run with it.
 - Most breeders seemed to be supportive of this idea.
- Robert McDonald stated that if he continues to be Vice President he would like to state tags will be mailed out on Fridays, so get the online orders in by Thursday.
 - Britni addressed that its not currently online only. Britni reviewed that the Breeder membership form and Tag order form are both readily available online without issues.

- Robert stated that would avoid breeders calling and requesting tags without paying and breeders requesting to be invoiced as well.
- Mike said he went through it to see how hard it was and he said he paid his membership and ordered tags in less than 3 minutes.
- Robert made the motion to make the tag order and breeder membership forms be online only only option effective immediately.
 - Britni 2nd that.
 - All were in favor, and it passed.
 - Mike asked for the pdf of these 2 documents be taken down.
- Robin Harlow joined the meeting and addressed AYE.
 - She said they have decided to turn it over to us just like the NSSG do on Sunday. We can use the sheep show ring and run our ABL show however we like.
 - Darren Bignar mentioned how the NSSG show runs smoothly on Sunday and maybe we could run the sheep show with the goat show.
 - Robert McDonald asked if we need to have 2 full shows both at AYE and ASF.
 - Janeal mentioned showing ewes only at AYE.
 - Most everyone seemed to say a whole show with wethers and ewes both are necessary for ABL since we can have both be ABL eligible.
 - Janeal mentioned that at the ASF Mike runs the show, and she could not take on AYE. She would be there, but she cannot do it.
 - Debbie Bacon said she would take it on and asked if Lance Weaver would be willing to help. He said yes, he would. Aaron Mahan said he would be willing to help with AYE too and thought the furtiity could be part of that show.
 - Britni asked to add Aaron to the previous committee that was proposed and told there is 2 different committees. 1 for points and 1 for AYE now.
 - Aaron said he would be glad to help with both.
 - Mike asked if we were willing to give AYE half our money.
 - Janeal said no we would need a separate fee.
 - Lance Weaver motioned we move the ABL show to AYE only.
 - There was no 2nd.
 - The motion failed.
 - Debbie moved to support and fund the ABL show at AYE.
 - Britni asked if a portion of breeder fees could be allocated to AYE.
 - Janeal said the breeder fees we get for AJSC - ABL is the breeder \$15 nomination fee and the memberships go to the ASSC.
 - There was discussion about how to pay for AYE and that sponsors will likely be necessary.
 - Britni asked about changing the nomination to \$20 and allocate \$10 to ASF and \$10 to AYE.
 - Janeal mentioned needing to charge a separate entry fee.
 - Bryan Maye mentioned allocating \$1000 towards AYE and anything else would be sponsored or out of the entry fees.
 - Debbie stated she did not mention a maximum allocated because she thought it would need to be a percentage based on the budget which is unknown should decide.

- Janeal said she would be willing to be on the AYE committee since she will have the entries.
- Lance Weaver, Debbie Bacon Aaron Mahan and Janeal Yancey will be the AYE ABL show Committee and will work towards coming up with that plan.
- Mike asked if there was any other business. There was not from anyone else.
- Mike asked for each farm to give Judge nominations.
 - Britni Rexwinkle said she would start, and her son Andrew Rexwinkle nominated Ryan Rash.
 - Janeal has a family conflict with this judge.
 - Bryan Maye nominated Slayton Strubby
 - He judged AKSARBEN ewe lambs.
 - Aaron Mahan nominated Craig Beckmeir
 - Robert said he would only use a Ty Allen sheep and he is political
 - Debbie Bacon nominated Skylar Scotten and said him or is brother are both qualified
 - Stacy Kirk nominated Bart Cardwell
 - Aaron said it's a conflict of interest for him and Sarah Massey said the same thing
 - Janeal Yancey nominated Steve Sturtz
 - He judged the Iowa state fair .
 - Joe Washburn nominated Mike Harber
 - He is an extension agent out of Texas.
 - Lance Weaver nominated Ryan Rathmann
 - He is the cat's meow.
 - Darren Bignar nominated Colby Burch
 - He judged the ASF main show a few years ago.
 - Sarah Massey nominated Dwayne Hurdleman
 - He judged Louisville.
 - Robert McDonald nominated Ryan Mortize
 - This is Dropperts son in law.
 - Mike Reynolds nominated Jason Simpson
 - He is not political.
- Mike said the judges will be emailed out to everyone in attendance tonight and will be voted on my the 20th at 7 pm.
 - It was decided to rank all 12 judges.
 - Each farm will rank all 12 by 20th at 7 pm.
 - 12 is the favorite and 1 is the least favorite.
 - Then they will be contacted in the highest number being first.
 - Debbie asked when this would be announced.
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- Dr. Quadros, the Small Ruminant specialist from the University of Arkansas introduced himself and the work he does.
 - He invited everyone to reach out to him, so he could come visit the farms and get to know everyone.
 - His phone # is 501-425-4657

- He shared slides of what he has done and can do in Arkansas. He would like to our programs together and collect data. If we share our contact, he will visit our farms.
- He is tentatively planning a sheep and goat field day April 29th at USDA ARS - Booneville.
- Mike asked if there was any other business before we go to elections.
- Elections:
 - President – Darren Bignar nominated Mike Reynolds
 - Bryan Maye 2nd .
 - All were in favor.
 - Vice President – Janeal Yancey nominated Robert McDonald
 - Bryan Maye 2nd
 - All were in favor.
 - Secretary – Britni Rexwinkle Stated she did not want to be secretary again.
 - Darren Bignar still nominated Britni Rexwinkle and she declined.
 - Stacy Kirk nominated Bokker and she declined.
 - Janeal Yancey nominated Lance Weaver and he declined.
 - Britni Rexwinkle nominated Debbie Bacon and she declined.
 - Mike Reynolds nominated Lisa Kirk and Stacy declined for her.
 - Janeal Yancey Nominated Sarah Bramell and she declined.
 - Mike Reynolds nominated Melinda Dobbs, but she was not there any longer to accept or decline. Britni texted her and she declined.
 - Stacy Kirk nominated Ashley Flickenger
 - Britni 2nd
 - All were in favor.
 - Treasurer
 - Janeal Yancey nominated Wanda if she still wanted to do it.
 - Debbie Bacon 2nd
 - All were in favor.
 - ABL Coordinator
 - Debbie Bacon nominated Janeal Yancey
 - Britni 2nd
 - All were in favor.
 - AR Breeding Sheep Council Coordinator
 - Janeal Yancey nominated Joe Washburn
 - Debbie 2nd
 - All were in favor.
- Mike asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting and several at once made the motion.
 - Robert McDonald 2nd
 - Meeting was dismissed at approximately 9:53.

