ASSC General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held: April 14, 2026

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order via Zoom format at 6:03 p.m. on April 14th, 2026. Roll call was completed by Trish Henry, President. The following farm memberships were in attendance:

Say-A-Lot (Trish Henry, President)
Kirk Farm Club Lambs (Stacy Kirk, Vice President, and Lisa Kirk)
Wanda Calloway, Treasurer
Whippoorwill Hill Farms (Joe Washburn, ABSC Coordinator)
Yancey Ranch (Janeal Yancey, AJSC Coordinator)
Malabanan Farms (Bethany Malabanan)
Mill Creek Acres (Amanda Flippo)
Balentine Livestock (Connor Balentine)
Chaos Club Lamb (Matthew Price, Andrea & Ben Collum)

II. Opening Remarks: Trish Henry, President, thanked everyone for their attendance.

III. Approval of 1/26/26 Minutes: The minutes from the General Membership Meeting held on January 26, 2026 were provided to the General Membership for prior review. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Wanda Calloway and seconded by Conner Balentine. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Wanda Calloway, Treasurer, reported that there is $15,665.26 in the general account; however, there are a number of outstanding checks that have not been cashed by exhibitors, approximately 25-30. Bethany Malabanan, CPA reported that based upon the value of some checks, the payees would be contacted to advise cashing of the outstanding pay-out checks.

V. Old Business:

a. Scholarship Committee: Lisa Kirk reported on the work of the scholarship committee. She reported that there were 10 applicants for the 4-$500 scholarships to be awarded. She noted that the scholarships were in the hands of the judges selected by the committee, and she should receive results in the next few weeks. Certificates will be made and given to schools of the winners and be announced during end of year awards ceremonies of the respective schools. Winners will also be posted on the ASSC website and the AJSC Facebook page.

VI. New Business:

a) **AYE Move & ABL Impact:** The President opened the floor for discussion concerning the impact to our ABL show due to AYE's recent location of its shows to Texarkana. In January the membership voted to hold ABL shows at both ASF and AYE. However, after the January vote for two ABL shows – one ABL show at State Fair in Little Rock and one ABL show at AYE in Fayetteville - there was a change in circumstance with AYE electing to move its show to Texarkana.

Stacy Kirk discussed the impact of the dates between ASF and AYE as well as the logistical hurdles. Stacy Kirk made a motion for ASSC to reconsider and not hold an ABL show at AYE in Texarkana. Conner Balentine seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

b) **District Fair Report:** Stacy Kirk provided a district fair report and indicated that there would be six district fairs this year. He indicated he was waiting for schedules to be released before having a district directors' meeting. He also indicated that he would be looking for district directors in the SE, SW and NW districts and invited anyone who was interested in being a district director to contact him. He also reminded the membership that the AR-OK district ABL show would be open to Oklahoma residents provided those persons are current AJSC members who own qualified Arkansas Bred Lambs at time of registration.

Stacy also brought up the subject of awarding the top 5 commercial ewes at the district level in addition to awarding the top 5 market lambs. Stacy made a motion to award the top 5 wether dam or commercial ewes at each district fair in addition to the top 5 market animals. The motion was seconded by Matthew Price. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Stacy Kirk also reminded the membership of the need to obtain sponsors for the district awards and that the awards as approved last year were received with positive response.

c) **Teams/Committees to Run Shows:** Stacy Kirk addressed the issue of paying a team to run the ABL show at State Fair, so breeders were not required to work the show to the disadvantage of their customers who might be competing. He indicated that he had reached out to a group who would provide 10 people to facilitate the show for a fee of $500.00. Ben Collum made a motion that the membership approve payment of the $500 fee to obtain outside sources to facilitate the running of the ABL show at State Fair. Joe Washburn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

d) **ABL Judge Panel Update:** Ben Collum reported on the work of the judge contact panel committee which was comprised of Ben Collum, Stacy Kirk and Trish Henry. The panel contacted Caleb Boardman who was ranked first by the membership; however, Mr. Boardman declined due to a scheduling conflict. The committee then contacted the

second candidate who was Nolen Hildebrand. Mr. Hildebrand was both interested and available for a fee of $750.00. However, the committee is awaiting release of the ASF Schedule prior to finalizing the agreement with Mr. Hildebrand and gaining assurance that he can get a reasonable flight to Little Rock for the anticipated date of October 14th. The committee will monitor release of the ASF schedule and finalize the ABL judge agreement with Mr. Hildebrand.

VII. Adjournment: All matters of business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Trish Henry,
Taking Minutes on Behalf of:
Brandi Killins
ASSC Secretary