

**American Oxford Sheep Association
Annual Meeting
June 22, 2018
Springfield, IL**

Stacey Gadsby, President of the American Oxford Sheep Association (AOSA) welcomed the crowd of approximately 85 people as she called the Annual Meeting of the AOSA to order. Edward Bowman, AOSA Director from District 6, gave the invocation before the meal.

Following the meal, catered by Basket Case Catering, President Gadsby introduced the officers and directors of the Association that were present.

Beth Allison, chairperson of the National Oxford Queen Committee, recognized and thanked the 2017/2018 Queen, Corrie McClees, of Oklahoma and she introduced Hannah Watson of Ohio, the 2018/2019 National Oxford Queen.

President Gadsby and Secretary David Trotter then presented awards to the exhibitors of champion and reserve champion rams and ewes from the show held earlier in the day, judged by Dustin Cruit of Illinois.

Grand Champion Ram – A.Brockmann 1547, Austin Brockmann (IL)

Reserve Grand Champion Ram – WWSF 18-74, Winning Ways Sheep Farm (IL)

Grand Champion Ewe – WWSF 18-320C, Winning Ways Sheep Farm (IL)

Reserve Grand Champion Ewe – Everett 1793, Everett Oxfords (PA)

Special awards were also presented for the Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Ram and Ewe and for the Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Ram and Ewe. The breeder of the 2017 Champion Futurity Ewe Lamb was also recognized; Austin Grace (NH), Misty Meadows 1174, purchased and shown by Luke Mumm (IL).

It was announced that the Board of Directors had determined that there would not be a ram sift for this year's national sale. The Board of Directors also established that the floor prices for the national sale would be \$250 for all lambs and \$300 for all yearlings.

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting and the annual financial report were presented in the Annual Meeting report booklet and were discussed by David Trotter. LeAnn Hall made a motion, seconded by Bill Edwards, to accept the minutes as presented; on voice vote, the motion was approved without objections. Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by Cliff Perzee, to accept the financial report as presented and printed; on voice vote, the motion was approved with no objections.

David Trotter gave a brief oral report regarding Association activities and his responsibilities as secretary during the past year.

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Kermit Daniels thanked the O'Brien Family (IA) for their many years of coordinating the Foundation Flock program. He then introduced and thanked the donors for the 2018 Foundation Flocks: Dover Genetics, Weber Livestock Co., Red Cloud Oxfords, Isaacson Oxfords, John Apple and Family, Misty Meadows Oxfords, Phil Crome and Family, and Daniels Oxfords. He also introduced the 2018 recipients of the Foundation Flocks; Nicholas Monday (TN) and Erin Fischer (IN).

The Hall of Fame Award was presented by Tony Weber, Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee, to Myrna Sanburg of Illinois.

The floor was then opened for nominations for judge for the 2019 National Oxford Sale Show. The following were properly nominated and seconded: Kyle Thayer, Wayne O'Brien, and Dan Spilde. Tony Weber made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Bill Edwards; on voice vote, the motion was approved with no objections. Paper ballots were used to vote on judge selection. When ballots were counted, Dan Spilde received the majority of the votes with Kyle Thayer as the first alternate.

The next item of business was the election of Directors for Districts 1 and 6. Currently Frank Silva serve as District 1 Director and Edward Bowman serves as District 6 Director; both are term limited. The membership thanked both these Directors for their service to the Association with a round of applause. For the position of District 6 Director, Duane Grimme nominated Rex Decker, seconded by Bill Buckland. With regard to the position of District 1 Director, it was recommended that the Board of Directors take it under advisement to visit with the membership and come back at the 2019 Annual Meeting with either a willing nominee for the position or an option to amend the constitution regarding director districts. A motion was made by Myrna Sanburg, seconded by John Apple, to close nominations for District 6 Director and approve the review of the District 1 Director position by the Board of Directors. On voice vote, the motion was approved without objections.

The Board of Directors was also asked to discuss a youth-at-large position as part of any constitutional change proposal.

With no other business or announcements, Tony Weber made a motion, seconded by Bill Edwards, to close the Annual Meeting and adjourn to the activities of a benefit auction (lead by Larry Derricks) of donated items for the funding of the Association's expenses associated with the AAJSS. On voice vote, the motion was approved with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Trotter
Secretary