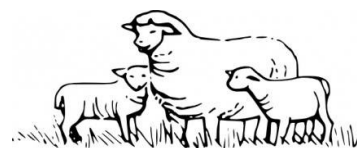


NC Sheep Producers Association



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: 1-19-2013
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Chatham County Ag. Building, Auditorium
65 East Chatham St.
Pittsboro, NC

MEETING TYPE: Regular Board Meeting Annual Membership Meeting
 Special Board Meeting Emergency Board Meeting Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

Agenda:

- **Registration**
- **Welcome** - Bill Sparrow
- **Current NC Sheep Producers Association (NCSPS) Update** - Bill Sparrow
- **Membership Update** - Bill Sparrow
- **Treasurer's Report** - Joe Mabry, as proxy for Ellen Mabry
- **Make It with Wool** - Jean Thomas & JoAnn Lowder
- **Wool Pools** - Charles Young
- **Carolina Fiber Fest** - Carolyn Beasley
- **Break/refreshments**
- **American Sheep Industry (ASI) Update** - Barbara Pugh, NC ASI Rep.
- **4-H Youth and Sheep Opportunities** – Brent Jennings, NCSU 4-H Livestock Specialist
- **Elections & Business meeting** – Bill Sparrow
- **NCDL Livestock Marketing and State Fair Update** - Neil Bowman, NCDL & CS Livestock Marketing Supervisor
- **Lunch**
- **Managing for Profit** - Mr. Lee Wright, Sheep Producer and Superintendent, Southwest Va. Ag. Research Center, Glade Spring, Va.

Business Meeting:

Call to order: An annual membership meeting of the **NC Sheep Producers Association** was held in Pittsboro, NC on January 19, 2013. The meeting convened at 9:00 am, Bill Sparrow presiding, and Alesia Moore, Secretary.

Roll Call:

Board Member Attendance:

Mike Adams, nominated for President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Karen McAdams, nominated Vice-President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Alesia Moore, nominated for Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ellen Mabry, Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent (Joe Mabry, attended as proxy)

Approval of minutes: No previous minutes were available

Elections & Business meeting – Bill Sparrow

Our speaker Lee Wright was stuck in traffic so we rearranged the agenda.

Bill Sparrow called the Business Meeting to order.

60+ members and guests in attendance.

Elections:

Officer Nominees – previous nominations and also nominations taken from the floor

President – Mike Adams – Hiddenite, NC – was previously nominated

Motion: Moved by Dave Sweeney and seconded by JoAnn Lowder that the nominations for President be closed. **Motion carried and Mike Adams was elected President by unanimous general consent.**

Vice President – Karen McAdams – Efland, NC – was previously nominated

Motion: Moved by Anna Rae Hodgkin and seconded by JoAnn Lowder that the nominations for Vice President be closed. **Motion carried and Karen McAdams was elected Vice President by unanimous general consent.**

Secretary – Alesia Moore – Youngsville, NC – was previously nominated

Motion: Moved by Charles Young and seconded by Glenda Moore that the nominations for Secretary be closed. **Motion carried and Alesia Moore was elected Secretary by unanimous general consent.**

Treasurer – Ellen Mabry – Albemarle, NC – was previously nominated

Motion: Moved by Anna Rae Hodgkin and seconded by Charles Young that the nominations for Treasurer be closed. **Motion carried and Ellen Mabry was elected Treasurer by unanimous general consent.**

Board of Directors Nominees

East

Emilou Phelps – Creswell, NC – was previously nominated

Jack Harper – Swansboro, NC – was previously nominated

Jeff Wingfield – nominated from the floor by Tina Joyner

Motion: Moved by Charles Young and seconded by Tommy Lowder that the nominations for East Region Directors be closed. **Motion carried and Emilou Phelps and Jack Harper were elected as Board of Directors for the East region by a ballot vote.**

Piedmont

Carvel Cheves – Bunn, NC – was previously nominated but asked to have his name removed from consideration for personal reasons.

Ann Fay – Liberty, NC – was previously nominated

Bill Sparrow – nominated from the floor by Karen McAdams

Motion: Moved by Tommy Lowder and seconded by Anna Rae Hodgkin that the nominations for Piedmont Region Directors be closed. **Motion carried and Anna Fay and Bill Sparrow were elected as Board of Directors for the Piedmont region by unanimous general consent.**

West

Tim Worley – Leischester, NC – was previously nominated

Charles Young – Lansing, NC – was previously nominated

Logan Burleson – nominated from the floor by Chad Ray

Motion: Moved by Anna Rae Hodgkin and seconded by Tommy Lowder that the nominations for West Region Directors be closed. **Motion carried and Charles Young and Logan Burleson were elected as Board of Directors for the West region by a ballot vote.**

At Large

Tommy Lowder - Midland – was previously nominated

Jean Thomas – Charlotte – was previously nominated

Larry Durham – Walnut Cove – was previously nominated

Motion: Moved by Charles Young and seconded by Anna Rae Hodgkin that the nominations for At Large Directors be closed. **Motion carried and Tommy Lowder, Jean Thomas and Larry Durham were elected as the At Large Board of Directors by unanimous general consent.**

Destruction of Ballots:

Motion: Moved by Mike Adams and seconded by Tina Joyner that the ballots be destroyed. **Motion carried and Mike Adams was tasked with destroying the ballots.**

Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Moved by Tommy Lowder and seconded by Anna Rae Hodgkin that the previously read Treasurer's report be approved. **Motion carried.**

Secretary's Report:

No minutes from previous meetings were available.

New Business:

- JoAnn Lowder suggested that since we have had a lack of prior meetings that we can set aside the by-laws for this meeting and have a general discussion.

- Bill Sparrow opened discussion to the general membership.

Approval of Treasurer’s report:

Motion: Moved by Tommy Lowder and seconded by Anna Rae Hodgkin that the previously read Treasurer’s report be approved. **Motion carried.**

Sponsorship of 4-H Youth Awards (Project Record & Presentations):

Discussion: JoAnn Lowder suggested that we continue to fund the 4-H Youth Awards

Motion: Moved by Karen McAdams and seconded by Jean Thomas that the NCSPA continue to sponsor the 4-H Youth awards (about \$551.25). **Motion carried.**

General Discussion:

- Karen McAdams suggested that the new Board discuss at a later date April Bowman’s request for the NCSPA to be a sponsor of the Clover Classic Livestock Show.
- Charles Young asked about NCSPA dues and benefits. Bill Sparrow explained that for or \$20 we not only receive NCSPA benefits (including NC Born & Bred class at the NC State Fair) but also ASI benefits (including national representation, the monthly magazine, weekly reports, etc.) and promotional materials.
- Alesia Moore stated that the NCSPA website was being updated and asked members to make suggestions on the survey that was handed out. She also requested everyone update their email address.
- Logan Bureson asked when the next annual membership meeting would be. It was stated that it was at the discretion of the Board and would be announced at a later date.

Adjourn:

Motion: Moved by Tommy Lowder and seconded by Anna Rae Hodgkin that the NCSPA meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Alesia Moore _____
Secretary,
NC Sheep Producers Association

Date of approval: 3-9-2013

Meeting Notes:

Registration

Welcome - Bill Sparrow

Current NC Sheep Producers Association (NCSPA) Update - Bill Sparrow

We are re-establishing the NC Sheep Producers Association.

Membership Update - Bill Sparrow

You can pay your membership today or take an application home to mail in.

Treasurer's Report - Joe Mabry, as proxy for Ellen Mabry

See attached report.

Discussion of NC Born & Bred Award (NC State Fair) and funding of 4-H Awards (project records & presentations)

Make It with Wool – Jean Thomas & JoAnn Lowder

The objective is to promote use of wool fiber, yarn and fabric.

The State competition is at the Cabarrus Fair. NC has 4 representatives going to the National competition (Sept 7, 2013).

The NCSPA through the sales of t-shirts, cream, etc. raised money to give the National representatives a stipend for meals and air fare.

New website: www.NCMakeltWithWool.com (part of the NCSPA's website)

National website: <http://www.makeitwithwool.com>

This year there was a special dedication for Fred Pugh.

Wool Pools - Charles Young

4 locations across the state. Conducted by Mid-States Wool Growers Cooperative Assn.

Dale Miller has arranged it in the past – unsure of who is doing it this year. **Board Action Item: Find out who is in charge of the wool pool this year. Inform membership of locations and dates.**

Carolina Fiber Fest - Carolyn Beasley

The festival will be held at the fairgrounds in Sanford, April 5-7. It draws attendance from NC and other

states.

The NCSA & Make It With Wool are invited to participate and have a display. **Board Action Item: Who is willing to do this?**

Break/refreshments

American Sheep Industry (ASI) Update - Barbara Pugh, NC ASI Rep.

www.sheepusa.org The ASI National Conventions is held in late January in San Antonio, Texas. We currently pay between \$1000 and \$1100 in dues (based on membership and inventory of sheep in NC). ASI helps with legislature regarding sheep/farming, and supports local programs (Scrapie, wool pool, etc.).

ASI Publications:

ASI Weekly Report (electronic) http://www.sheepusa.org/Weekly_Market_Summary

ASI Weekly Newsletter – Each Friday, this current newsletter is distributed, highlighting the events of that week. www.sheepusa.org/ASI_Weekly_Newsletter

Monthly Magazine - www.sheepindustrynews.org

Grow Our Flock 2+ program - www.growourflock.org

NC is eligible for 1 ASI director position (and 3 votes) based on number of sheep.

Please get involved and go to the websites.

The 2014 National Convention will be in Charleston, SC

Side note: Anna Rae Hodgkin said the Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School (advertised in the ASI magazine) was an awesome experience. <http://www.nlfa-sheep.org/leadership.html>

Bill Sparrow said that it is critical that we have a strong industry voice in Washington DC. ASI is our voice.

4-H Youth and Sheep Opportunities – Brent Jennings, NCSU 4-H Livestock Specialist

Opportunities (Livestock Judging, Skillathon, Quiz Bowl, Shows, etc.) for youth are listed on the website:

www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/4hyouth/Calendar%20of%20Events.htm

In the last 10 years NC has had 3 National Champion teams and 4 Reserve Champion.

This year was the first time NC participated in the Quiz Bowl and they won National Championship.

Coaches, Leaders, Agents, Parents can check out the website for a list of resources to help prepare teams.

www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/4hyouth/ah4h.html

NCSU is rebuilding their Polled Dorset flock.

The NCSU Dept. of Animal Science is there to help producers – but you have to ask for help.

This year at the NC State Fair:

Jr Ewe Show: 220 youth, 326 entries

Market Lamb Show: 179 youth, 268 entries

Check out the NC 4-H Youth Livestock Facebook page: www.facebook.com/4HLivestock

We need to get kids involved in the NCSPA and in 4-H opportunities.

NCSU Farm Animal Days April 12-12. 10,000+ kids. Implementing educational programs – may need some volunteers.

NCDA Livestock Marketing and State Fair Update - Neil Bowman, NCDA & CS Livestock Marketing Supervisor

There is a monthly graded sale the 1st Wed. of each month in Union.

Currently working on lamb exportation into other countries.

NC State Fair – new proposal for a white faced influenced division.

Tagging – August 10th deadline

NC Born & Bred – want producer affidavit in advance of fair.

Suggested that we need to promote NC Born & Bred more.

Suggested that NC State Fair relax the release time for wool sheep due to distances exhibitors travel.

NCDA website – producers can be listed in the Sheep & Goat Directory -

www.ncagr.gov/markets/livestock/goatandsheep/directory/ and also on the Goodness Grows website –

www.ncagr.gov/markets/gginc/store/CatSubDirectory.asp?CatNum=1010

Lunch

Guest Speaker:

- **Managing for Profit** - Mr. Lee Wright, Sheep Producer and Superintendent, Southwest Va. Ag. Research Center, Glade Spring, Va. – see provided handouts