

**Montadale Sheep Breeders Association**  
**Board of Directors Semi-Annual Meeting – National Montadale Show & Sale**  
**June 24, 2015**  
**Midwest Stud Ram Show & Sale-Sedalia, MO**

The Semi-Annual Board of Directors meeting of the Montadale Sheep Breeder's Association was called to order by President Mary HaWaaboo at 9:03 a.m.

Directors present were Mary Hawaaboo, Dan Rhoades, Kent Moenter, Tom Clayman, Cheryl Butya, Susan Proctor, Bill Riley, John Coers, Patty Abell and Tom Terrell. Proxies were received for absent directors Mike Maroska and Bill Poppen.

**Board Members Absent (No Proxy):** Brandon Gouge, Chad Marshall

**Also Present:** Junior Coordinator Nann Green, Executive Secretary Kay Stadel

Minutes of the 2014 Semi-Annual Board Meeting held in Louisville, KY were read by the members present. It was moved by Tom Clayman to accept the minutes as read. Bill Riley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Executive Secretary Kay Stadel then gave the financial report on the status of the Association. It was noted the cash balance at the end of May 31, 2014 was \$7,814.64. The operating income for the past fiscal year was \$21,615.54 and the operating expenses were \$23,749.40 for an ending cash balance of \$5,680.78 at May 31, 2015. Also provided was a brief overview of the new layout for the financials that will help to provide a more comprehensive look at the association's activity. One key item of note was the discussion to continue sponsoring an award for the 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held annually in Louisville with Montadales used on a rotational basis. It was moved by Bill Riley to discontinue this sponsorship and seconded by Kent Moenter. Motion passed.

The Executive Secretary also provided a status on the Junior Association finances. The cash balance at the end of May 31, 2015 was \$3,028.27. In addition, the March 31, 2015 balance for the Montadale Endowment Fund was \$38,155.86. Due to this large balance, President Hawaaboo discussed the idea of awarding \$500 scholarships to all 4 2015 scholarship applicants. This idea was moved by John Coers and seconded by Bill Riley. Motion carried.

It was moved by Patty Abell to accept the financials as previously submitted and seconded by Tom Terrell. Motion carried.

### **JUNIOR ASSOCIATION**

Junior Association Coordinator Nann Green next provided a brief overview of the 2014 Keith Chrome National Junior Show (11 exhibitors) and the 2015 J&D Handy Junior Show in which 16 head were shown by 8 exhibitors. Nann also announced a new addition to the 2015 futurity season which allows any junior purchasing a ewe lamb in the National Sale the opportunity to participate in a show back immediately at the conclusion of the sale. This will be for points-only

with no premiums provided. The owner of the sheep does not need to be present to participate; however, the ewe lamb must be shown by another junior.

Tom Clayman provided an overview of the 2014 All-American Junior Show held in Hutchinson, Kansas, in which 40-45 head of Montadales were exhibited from several states. Kay Stadeli indicated that 20 head (4 exhibitors) are entered at the 2015 AAJS in West Springfield, MA. In addition, Kay reported that 3 exhibitors participated in the Midwest Junior Preview Show in Sedalia.

Nann Green also reported there were no applicants for the 2015 Montadale Junior Ambassador program. Currently, only juniors between the ages of 16-21 at January 1 are eligible to apply. Due to the current age range of the membership, John Coers made a motion to lower the minimum age limit from 16 years old to 13 years old. Bill Riley seconded and motion carried. The board asked that 2014 Ambassadors James Green and Abilene Gatson be approached to remain as Ambassadors for 2015.

Finally, John Coers advised that Greg Smith would like to begin profiling our junior members in the Montadale Momentum.

## **SHOWS & SALES**

President HaWaaboo provided an overview of the 2015 National Show and indicated that 72 head were shown. A question was addressed to the board about the possibility of the association hiring the 2016 National Show & Sale judge independently vs using the judge provided by the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. Dan Rhoades indicated that 2016 Midwest Stud Ram Sale judges should be confirmed before the Semi-Annual meeting at Louisville in November. John Coers motioned to wait until the selection is announced before determining if the association will pursue hiring a judge. Tom Clayman seconded, motion carried. Judge nominations were taken with first choice Jeff Held, second choice Mark Johnson, and third choice Wes Limesand. Tom Terrell made a motion that a budget of \$300 should be allocated if the board pursues hiring a judge independently. Kent Moenter seconded, motion passed.

John Coers also questioned if awards should be provided to that indicate it's the National Show & Sale rather than the Midwest Stud Ram Sale to recognize all winners. Tom Clayman made a motion for the association to sponsor awards for the 2016 Show & Sale independent of plaques given by the MWSRS. John Coers seconded, motion carried.

Next the reminder was made that the Annual Meeting/Luncheon would be later in the day at 1pm. The comment was brought up that people have expressed concerns about having a luncheon vs evening banquet. The board will discuss at Louisville the 2016 plans.

The 2015 E.H. Mattingly National Show is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Kay Stadeli will contact Jeff Zinner with NAILE to confirm if Judy Moore has accepted the contract to judge. Kay also reported that the date for the junior show has not been confirmed but plans are to divide the junior shows over 2 days instead of 1.

Reports were given for the Big Ohio and Montadale Classic Sale. Big Ohio averaged \$475 on 14 head with the Montadale Classic averaging \$636 on 41 head. Tom Clayman inquired to John Coers about the possibility of moving the Montadale Classic to a different week. John will bring up the idea to the Montadale Classic committee.

## **PROMOTION**

Kay Stadel brought up the idea of potentially changing the Montadale Mover from a semi-annual publication to an annual membership directory similar to what other breed organizations offer. Another idea is to offer a quarterly newsletter via email with hard copies provided as needed. Kay will assemble quotes from several companies and provide to the board at the Semi-Annual meeting in Louisville. A postcard mailing may be sent to membership to determine if they would like a hard copy via email.

The association will start including Montadale promotional flyers on the website that can be printed off rather than printing multiple hard copies for distribution.

Kay is working to develop a current membership database and mailing list. A bill will be sent to all members that haven't paid dues in the last 3 years that indicates they must be brought current to be included on all association distributions as well as being eligible to continue to receive member rates through AccuRegister.

## **DISTRICT ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

Illinois: John Coers reported that the Illinois Association awarded 1 essay lamb this year which was donated by Gene McGrew. Unfortunately, the number of applications decreased from the previous year. The annual picnic was held at Chuck Ross's farm with 45 members in attendance. The association will again provide complimentary buckets of goodies to all juniors at the Illinois State Fair. They will also offer the Premier Exhibitor award to the junior with the most points at the Illinois State Fair Junior Show: \$300 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$200 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Maryland: Susan Proctor provided a report of the Maryland Flock & Fiber Show. 2<sup>nd</sup> place fleece was exhibited by a Montadale breeder in Ohio. Susan also was happy to report that Montadale fleeces are starting to become more in demand.

Iowa: Bill Riley reported that several exhibitors from Iowa and Minnesota attended the Iowa State Fair. Exhibitors would like to approach the fair board regarding a Montadale junior show. However, the board indicated they would need to have at least 5 exhibitors. The board will allow the 4-H division to have a designated junior show.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Kay Stadel reported on the status of work quality provided by AccuRegister in 2015. As the time of this report, no issues have arisen but made note that the heavier workload will be in the upcoming months due to fair and sale season. Kay has not been able to fully review all of the 2014 work completed. AccuRegister also now provides a searchable registration database on their website that is password protected. To remove the password protection, a letter from the

board must be submitted to AccuRegister. Bill Riley made a motion to have the password protection removed. Susan Proctor seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

John Coers was asked by the Montadale Classic committee to present the idea to the board regarding a futurity show back immediately following their sale, for points only. A motion was made by Tom Clayman to allow this and seconded by Tom Terrell. Motion passed.

The idea of possibly forming committees to help with the workload was addressed but will be tabled to Louisville.

Effective July 1, 2015, Cheryl Butya will be resigning as District 1 Director. President HaWaaboo praised Cheryl's contribution to both the board and association. Tom Clayman suggested the idea of transitioning Cheryl's position into an At-Large position. A district all-call will be completed. If the position is not filled, a proposed change will be made to the By-Laws at the Semi-Annual Meeting in Louisville with a vote submitted to the membership in spring 2016.

In addition, due to At-Large Director Brandon Gouge not participating in board matters and meetings, Kent Moenter motioned to remove Brandon from the board as indicated in the current by-laws. Cheryl Butya seconded the motion, motion passed. Tom Terrell motioned to nominate Richard Jacobson, California to fill Brandon's position. Seconded by John Coers, motion passed.

Kay addressed eliminating double registration fees for any work done between the periods of June 1-July 15 since Accuregister now processes. Kent Moenter moved to eliminate all double fees. Motion seconded by Tom Terrell. Motion passed. Kent also brought up the idea of possibly increasing fees to compensate for AccuRegister's fees. The motion will be tabled until 2016.

Other topics of discussion included eliminating the requirement of DNA bloodwork with much debate. Also discussed was the potential of rotating the National Sale and pros and cons. No formal decisions were made.

With no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was given by John Coers with President HaWaaboo seconding. Motion passed with the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.