



The Cotswold Connection

Spring/Summer 2020



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President's Report

By Butch Watson

I am honored to serve the Cotswold Breeders Association as President for the next two years. I would like to thank the support that has been forthcoming already. I am looking forward to a productive 2020 with CBA and its members. For the members that do not know me let me introduce myself. I am Butch Watson from Bentonville, Arkansas. I got involved with the Cotswold breed when my oldest daughter (Lensey) was assisting the late Art Boster show his and Kathy's sheep at the National show in Little Rock Arkansas many years ago. A couple years after that show we purchased white Cotswold sheep from a family in Arkansas. We have since moved from the white Cotswold to the Natural Color Cotswold sheep. We run approximately 15 ewes between all the members of my family. We are highly involved in the showing of this breed across the United States and sharing the breed with the general public. I am involved in the education of young people in Arkansas. We assist another family in the showing and raising of Cotswold sheep in NW Arkansas.

One of my goals this year is to get the "other" side of the Cotswold industry involved. I will admit I do not know much about the fiber industry of the Cotswold but welcome education from the members that are involved in the fiber industry. I feel that we, as an association, need to work together and learn about the entire breed. We have a wonderful breed and we need to share it to the young generation and continue to expand the knowledge and reach of this wonderful breed of sheep. I am looking forward in gaining information so please reach out to myself or your director in your area if you need anything at all.

Good luck in the lambing of those special little bundles of joys. In Arkansas it has been a strange winter thus far. The numbers from the Watson barn is looking to be good this year. Remember that we do have a Futurity for the Junior exhibitors to have their Junior sheep registered for this. After they are registered for the futurity as a junior lamb it is eligible for the Yearling Futurity. If you are interest in the futurity take a look at webpage or Facebook page for more information. A good way to supplement winnings from the year. Final Awards are given at NAILE following Junior show. Also if you have any suggestions of judges for the NAILE Open National show please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you again and good lambing.



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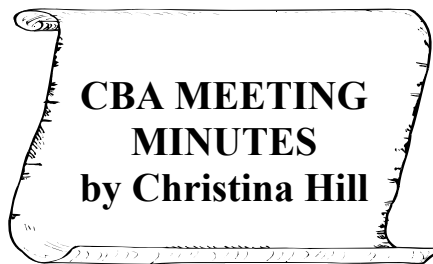
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March 8, 2020

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM CT Present:

Board Members: Butch Watson, Christina Hill, Ben Kruppenbacher

Directors Present: Laurie Kruppenbacher, Dianna Watson, William Claflin

Newsletter: Amber Claflin

Butch presented an opportunity with American Sheep Associated Registry to join an on-line store. This would provide a way to order promotional items without quantity limits or having to have inventory. Dianna had viewed their website and stated the service is free but the t-shirts were \$20.00; so it appears they make their money on each item. After a few questions, Butch stated he will call them and get details to determine if it would be a good fit for our organization. Butch brought up the need for a list of open show judges. He submitted Erin Jennings & Mark Johnson as Youth judges and will be participating in a conference call on 3/9 regarding youth and showmanship judges for Nationals. Butch shared an experience they had with Judge Steve Taylor and why he would not be a selected judge for CBA going forward. Butch explained that if CBA uses the judge that is brought in as the wool judge then we only pay an additional \$35.00 as NAILE pays for the expenses of the judge. He asked for any ideas of judges to be emailed to him as they have to have judge's names in by May 1st. Ben asked about Marketing & Outreach done by CBA to promote the Association. Butch said we are in Banner Magazine, Dianna stated we are in at least 3 magazines but

they don't know exactly what it involves and Ann would know as she takes care of Advertisement. Laurie asked about the \$623.00 for Advertising in print & Website costs that were in the budget. Butch is going to reach out to Ann for clarity on that. He doesn't know how to determine our return investment on ads. Ben will send the brochure around to everyone as he updated it and will include it with all new membership cards which go out this week.

Butch stated that raffle tickets to youth are in the mail. Dianna said 20 tickets went to youth and 25 went to directors. She was at an event this past weekend and sold \$100.00 worth already so she is certain they will sell well. She had 1000 printed.

Butch brought up the youth futurity program and that they will send out information to all youth about it. Christi asked if the Association could subsidize the prize money to make it more enticing and worth all the effort and time the youth have to put in. Butch stated out check book would not support adding any funding. Christi asked if they could contribute some funds from the savings. Laurie asked what the savings is for. Can we use that and then fundraise to replace the money? Butch said he was told that to set up a 5013C they had to keep a balance of \$10,000.00 in the bank. He thought it may have something to do with setting up a non-profit in Arizona. Butch is going to look into that amount and talk to Ann which is where he heard the min balance from.

Ambassador Information will go out to all youth 14 years old and older. They can serve 2 terms. We are looking for interested youth who really want to promote Cotswold's.

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Dianna brought up the regional shows and is funded by San Diego fair in Delmar, CA. The Arkansas-Oklahoma state fair is interested in hosting one but they would need others interested than the 4 who show now. The dates are September 28, 29, & Oct 1.

Butch explained how there was regional show interest in the northeast but then it just fizzled out. Christi stated there is a Regional Show at the Big E with higher prize money and awards but it is sponsored by ACRA. Butch shared how the national show used to travel around each year and the date varied which was difficult to have your sheep ready, then CBA decided to move to NAILE and it has been here several years now.

Christi asked about the Website, she saw that it was updated but has the confusion of who approves items and how changes are made been resolved? Butch stated it has and the updates were done easily. Laurie asked if the domain ownership was determined and if we are paying for it. Butch stated The Kaminski's do own the domain which is how it was set up at the beginning, we are not paying them anything for it now or in the future. Butch just wanted to make sure that the website tech didn't own it cause then you couldn't fire him or CBA would lose their name. Butch thinks what we pay for website is reasonable but he did not hear from any other associations.

Laurie asked about the next newsletter. Amber is planning one for the beginning of spring and will send out reminder emails for articles and if anyone has any ideas to include. Including a welcome to new members was suggested and Ben said he would get that information to Amber.

Laurie questioned "rules" that are not in by-laws but are being pushed forward as if they were. Discussion regarding situation in January and Butch stated we need to review all by By-laws and come up with correct language to communicate what we need in the By-Laws. He will email everyone from the Cotswold Breeders Association email so we are all on the same email and can review the by-laws, come up with changes and present them to the membership.

Ben asked about the duties of each officer to clarify that each officer has the materials necessary to accomplish their duties based upon by-law description and duties. As secretary he does not have the information he needs to accurately complete his duties. Butch is going to get the advertisement information to Ben.

Butch wanted to state that he wants the Association to Grow and is very interested in Building up our youth CBA Activity.

Laurie shared that a Vet clinical book she has includes CBA as a reference in the Cotswold section. Amber asked for an email with Name & Author. Laurie will send out to everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46



ELECTION RESULTS

President: Butch Watson

Vice President: Christie Hill

Secretary: Ben Kruppenbacher

CONGRATULATIONS!



Director Reports

Northwest Director's Report

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Did not receive a Director's Report from the Northwest. Hope everyone and their animals are doing well in the Northwest



Northeast Director's Report

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I am excited to report on the North East Region for CBA: I have had the opportunity to speak to several of you personally in this past year and look forward to seeing all of you at some point. I can confirm that the Cotswold Breed is Loved and flourishing across the country.

Lambing varied based on weather as our Region is so diverse. Here in the far North East we seem to be late as many of us have not completed lambing. Those of you in the middle part of the country sound like you had beautiful lambing weather, just lots of mud.

I am very impressed with the dedication and commitment to the nutrition and health of your Cotswolds by so many of you. Several of the shows I attended this past year had Magnificent Cotswold's that truly represent the breed.

In speaking with several of you recently you had losses too. Some had Ewes that did not make it after lambing and stillborn lambs. We all feel your pain as it is difficult to lose animals you spend so much time caring for. One of our very wise North East Shepherds who did lose a ewe and her lambs shared with me that if you didn't have the loss the joy of the new born lamb being cared for by its mom wouldn't be as great. In the midst of all that is happening in the world, I walked out to the barn yesterday to find God's blessing of two adorable Cotswold twin ewes both nursing on their mother with their tags a wagging. I'll call that perspective.

The Board and Directors had a nice long conference call last week to continue to pursue excellence among the Cotswold breed. Our website & Facebook page has been updated. Please let me know if there is anything I can assist with.

In order to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our Cotswold Breed we need to be willing to expand our role to take on some added responsibility. Share our breed with others, sell some raffle tickets; encourage the Cotswold youth. If it's working for you let us all know so we can benefit too. Enjoy Spring!



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Southwest Director's Report

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Local fairs canceled in person shows due to COVID-19 and moved to online market shows and auction only. I have been sharing information about Cotswold with our local 4-H clubs. Several youth have purchased Cotswold lambs and we look forward to our local fairs in 2021 for them to show them off.

The Inland Empire Fibershed has been very supportive and moved their festival online to allow another avenue to sell our beautiful Cotswold fleeces.



Southeast Director's Report

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Hope all are staying well and safe during this time of the COVID-19. I must say it has been quite an adjustment at the Watson house with both the University of Arkansas and the Northwest Arkansas Community College closing and going online and both of us working remotely from the house.

I do hope everyone is having a good lambing season across the country. We have not started lambing yet as we lost our ram from Sam Kruppenbacher this summer and we were lucky and was able to purchase a yearly ram at NAILE from Lawson Secord, so we do have babies on the way in April. Cannot wait!!

All the junior members should have received raffle tickets in the mail for the tack box that Sullivan's has donated to the Cotswold youth to be given away during the Junior National Cotswold Show at NAILE. I do hope the youth in the Southeast and all the other areas are taking advantage of this opportunity to raise funds to assist with the junior activities of our Association. It is the hopes of the Board to have more and better activities for our youth to participate in without drawing funds from the CBA treasury. When you sell your twenty tickets, please mail the stubs and money to me and I will get you more tickets headed your way.

As you start going through your babies or purchasing your junior ewes don't forget about the Junior Ewe Futurity and get your junior ewes nominated. Each of the juniors should have received a nomination form and don't be afraid to ask the breeder to nominate the ewe for you. If they are not willing to do that you can nominate the ewe yourself.

During the National Meeting and then again at the last Board Meeting there was some discussion about trying to have more regional shows. I would like to have feedback from the Southeast District if you would like to host a district Cotswold Show and some suggestions as where you would like to hold the show. Also, if it would be something that you would support by attending the show if one was held. This show would have to be self-supporting or the venue that we use support the show. No CBA funds would be allowed to fund it. Please email your thoughts and concerns on this topic to cotswoldbreedersassociation@gmail.com.

Let me know if there is anything going on in your area or if you need my assistance on anything. Until then good luck with your lambing and stay safe and healthy.



Photo Contest 2020

We are having another photo contest!

Entries must be postmarked or received via email by October 16, 2020.

Entries will be judged on clarity, content, composition, and appeal.

The winning photos will be highlighted in the Winter 2020 CBA Newsletter and posted to the web page and social media.

Prizes will be up to 5 free registrations for 2021.

Four Categories:

- 1. Sheep & Wool Related Activities: Photographs of activities such as shearing, moving/trailing sheep, lambing, showing, feeding, etc.**
- 2. Scenic Landscapes: Photographs of sheep outdoors.**
- 3. Portraits of Sheep and/or Lambs.**
- 4. Cotswold Wool: People working with wool or items made from Cotswold wool.**

Other Contest Rules:

- 1. Entries will not be returned.**
- 2. All entries must be at least 3x5 inches color or black & white high-resolution pictures.**
- 3. Photos must be in their original state and cannot be altered in any way, including but not limited to removing, adding, reversing, or distorting subjects within the frame.**
- 4. By entering the contest, entrants agree that photos submitted can be used by the Cotswold Breeders Association at their discretion.**
- 5. Photos previously submitted to CBA for a photo contest cannot be re-entered.**
- 6. Submissions received after the deadline will not compete for prizes.**

To Enter:

Please include the following information with each photo submitted:

- Title of Photo**
- Category**
- Photographer's Name, Email and Street Address**

Mail your photos to:

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