



The Cotswold Connection

The President's Report

I hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying a wonderful holiday season. It was great to meet so many of you in person at NAILE this year. I feel like 2022 has been a positive year across CBA with strong participation in youth programs and excellent shows with great sheep and large numbers of exhibitors. Hopefully continued strong showing will continue to grow the popularity of Cotswold sheep. My apologies on the rescheduled annual meeting originally planned during NAILE – the junior show did not start until after 9pm and a meeting did not seem wise after a long day in the show arena. Let me use this space to highlight some of the topics from the meeting we did have a week later.

- Very exciting to see a lot of well attended shows across the country this year. From the All American Junior Show, to multiple shows across the country, and wrapping up at NAILE there were lots of exhibitors showing this year in many states. Congrats to everyone.
- Fund-raising continues to be important for growing our programs. Thank you to everyone that sold tickets for this year's show box raffle raising more than \$1100 and to everyone contributing items for the silent auction that raised about \$150 during NAILE. These funds enable us to increase futurity program prizes and support youth shows.
- We are looking into enabling online registration of sheep. This would also allow members to view the pedigree of any registered sheep. Associated Registries will be updating their product this winter and we will get information on the cost early in 2023.
- During our meeting we discussed considering a rotating National Show –
- potentially allowing each region to nominate a show. The costs of various options are being compiled, including the cost of NAILE if it is not the national show due to a desire to continue to be present at this prominent show. Another option considered was to make the All American Junior Show the national junior show as this show moves around to a number of locations. When we get costs collected shortly, we'll put together specific proposals for discussion and vote.
- Judging – always looking for names of judges for our larger shows. Please send me names if you'd like to nominate someone.

Regional director nominations are in-progress. If you know of a representative you would like for your region, please nominate them. Look for election mail in the coming days.

With a lot of exciting things in the works, I'm looking forward to an exciting 2023 for CBA. If you have ideas for fund-raising, programs to grow the breed, or general comments please reach out to me at any time.

I hope everyone has safe and happy holidays followed by a productive and healthy lambing season.

Jonathan Short

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I hope this message finds you with many bred Cotswold ewes this fall. The Northeast had some very dry times this summer. Cotswolds are hardy so the impact was minimal to the sheep but the weather did cause reduced grazing and more carrying water. Our flock is loving the cool autumn nights and sunny breezy days. Hay has taken the place of the wonderful green grass but they don't seem to mind. Hay was a source of stress for many as the lack of rain caused hay production to be poor. The hay we did get was nutritious most farms just didn't get enough. The show circuit was fantastic and we watched many Cotswolds here in the Northeast do really well in the show ring. The All American, Northeast youth and Big E shows in Springfield, MA gave Cotswolds a platform to show off the breed.

Laurie Kruppenbacher, Regional Director

Central



Midwest is quiet as Cotswold Breeders are few and far between, but we keep looking! There were four Junior exhibitors at the Memorial Day Weekend "Freedom Fest" show in Sedalia, MO, and we did have a dedicated Cotswold Class! Hopefully this can be repeated for "Freedom Fest 2023." Cotswolds were shown at South Dakota, Illinois and Missouri State Fair as well as county fairs in our region. I am enclosing some Junior's photos. I am always looking for more pictures of junior exhibitors showing their Cotswolds.

Cotswold sheep have a lot to offer for Junior Breeders and Showmen. I certainly am open to suggestions for ways to promote the breed in person, by both sheep and wool sales and any other method to highlight the great qualities in these animals. Let me hear from you.

Tim Kemper, Regional Director

Southeast

Happy Fall from the Southeast District! As fall arrives many of us find ourselves at county, district, and state fairs and livestock shows. Hope the Cotswold sheep are doing well wherever you are showing them. The National Show will be next month at NAILE. Hope everyone got all their entries in by the deadline of October 10th. Remember that in the Open Show you have matching entry fees of \$10.00 per sheep per class that comes to the Cotswold Breeders Association. Those entry fees needed to be postmarked by the 10th to avoid the \$5.00 penalty per sheep per class. They need to be mailed to Dianna Watson, Treasurer. I would like to congratulate **Smith Gomez Green Acres (Emilio Smith Gomez)** on his promotion of the Cotswold sheep at the Benton County Fair where he had the Grand Champion and Reserved Grand Champion Cotswold ewe with ewes that he raised. He had Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Cotswold ram.

Emilio took two ewes to the Arkansas Youth Expo (AYE) where he won Reserve Division Champion winning a banner and belt buckle. Best of Luck at the Arkansas State Fair this week. Just received an update from the Arkansas State Fair. **Emilio Smith Gomez** won Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe, Grand Champion Ram, Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe, Premier Cotswold Exhibitor, and was the Arkansas Grand Champion. Congratulations **Smith Gomez Green Acres and Emilio Smith Gomez**.

I hope if you are fall lambing all is going well. Many I am sure are getting ready for the early spring lambing season while we still have weather that will allow us to work comfortably in the lambing barns. We will be electing the new Directors in a couple of months. If you would be interested in the Southeast Director position, please let Jonathan Short at hill.short@gmail.com know. You will need to supply him with a brief bio about yourself and why you would like to be the Southeast Director. I have enjoyed my time as your director, but feel it is time that someone else step end.

Thanks for the memories,
Dianna Watson
Southeast Director

West

No update received.

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Vice President Update

Hi everyone, Meaghan here from Cracked Egg Farm. I sold nine yearling and adult Cotswold ewes this year. I was at New Hampshire sheep and wool festival in Maine with one ram and I was also just at Vermont sheep and wool festival with one ram! I had a fantastic time talking about the Cotswolds and getting a lot of folks interested in Lambs. I helped a lot of people find other breeders as well from CBA so you should all be getting some new leads for next spring. My life has changed and unfortunately I'm getting out of all the Cotswolds. I am keeping my one ram for his fiber and possibly future breeding. I am still going to bring him and promote the Cotswolds at the Sheep Wool festivals that I go to because I absolutely do love them. I am not getting out of sheep but changing my farm and program on our new land! I hope everyone had a fantastic year and looking forward to seeing some Cotswolds at the Rhinebeck Sheep and Wool.

Meaghan Audet
Vice President

NAILE : Raffle Show Box



And the winner is....

Caleb Visel-Lobdell from Lena, IL

The winning ticket was sold by Carter Short.



2022 Yearling Ewe Futurity Points																					
Name	State	Reg.	Tag #	Scrapie #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total Points	Place	Pay Back	Breeder
Carter Short	NY	C08345	SHE2109	NY1152902109	5	5			5	9		7						31	1	100.00	Shorthill Farm -- Christina Hill
Emilio Smith Gomez	AR	C08403	2250	AR65962101							5	4	5					19	2	50.00	Smith Gomez Green Acres -- Martha Smith
Ava Kemper	MO	W083	2115	IL1961F	2		5				5							12	3	30.00	Chris Meyer
Addison Kemper	MO	W083	2250	MO8255	1		4				3							8	4	20.00	Ava Kemper
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1--Freedom Fest -- Sedalia, MO -- Adam Heffelfinger -- 5/28/22																					
2--All American Junior Show -- W. Springfield, MA -- Nick Minter -- 7/1/22																					
3--Northeast Youth Sheep Show -- W. Springfield, MA -- Evan Snyder --																					
4--Lincoln County Fair -- Troy, MO -- Kolton Orth -- 7/16/22																					
5--Saratoga County Fair -- 4-H -- Ballston Spa, NY -- John Miller --																					
6--Saratoga County Fair -- Open -- Ballston Spa, NY -- Ashley McFarland --																					
7--Missouri State Fair -- FFA Division -- Sedalia, MO -- Connor Blew --																					
8--Big E -- W. Springfield, MA -- Mary Ann Johnson -- 9/23/22																					
9--Benton County Fair -- Junior Show -- Bentonville, AR -- Andy Jeff --																					
10--Arkansas Youth Expo (AYE) -- Fayetteville, AR -- Logan Newsom --																					
11--Arkansas State Fair -- Open Show -- Little Rock, AR Dick Reece --																					
12--Arkansas State Fair -- Junior Show -- Little Rock, AR -- Michael Torrone -- 10/11/22																					
13--NAILE -- Louisville, KY -- John Merlau -- 11/12/22																					
**NAILE was Carter Short's 6th show																					

Association Business Updates

Financial Statement for Physical Year Ending September 30, 2022

The following are the financials for the Cotswold Breeders Association for the Physical Year Ending September 30, 2022.

The Arizona Corporation filing has been completed and the IRA 990 was planned to be filed the week of October 10, 2022.

Balance Beginning Physical Year 9/30/21			\$11,302.90
Total Income through 9/30/2022			3,584.23
Total Expenses through 9/30/2022			5,447.84
Balance End of Physical Year 9/30/2022			\$ 9,440.29
Funds held in:			
	Checkbook	\$3,715.63	
	Savings Account	5,724.66	
	Total		\$9,440.29
	*Youth Available Monies	\$ 529.17	
	*Youth Scholarship Ear Mark	675.00	
	Total Youth Funds in Checking		\$1,204.17

Respectfully submitted,
Dianna Watson, Treasurer

REMINDER....

Please submit all Director's bios to Secretary: Ben Kruppenbacher, bkrupski794@gmail.com, ASAP. Needed no later than January 1, 2023.

Newsletter is going digital!

Moving forward the Cotswold Connection newsletter will be e-mailed directly to members as well as posted on the website.

If you would prefer to still receive a printed copy via USPS mail, please reach out to Laurie Kruppenbacher (518.399.7034) and the newsletter will be mailed to you via USPS.

Has your contact information changed?

If you have had a change in address, phone number, e-mail, etc. please contact CBA Secretary to update the information on file.