

Cotswold Breeders Association Newsletter

REGIONAL DIRECTOR UPDATES

Northeast: Laurie Kruppenbacher Charlton

Hello to all Cotswold Shepherds from the Northeast: We now have another show season behind us and what a spectacular one it was. Cotswolds continue to make a great impression and be noticed. Maryland Sheep and Wool highlighted Cotswolds for the first time this year at their festival. Spring and Fall have been pleasant but a bit of wet weather this summer made grazing difficult as shepherds needed to pay attention to pooling in their fields. I heard a lot of complaints about this; hopefully you were all able to avoid any potential hazards with parasites and liver flukes. I would love to hear from any of you on what you do with your wool. Selling it, roving, felting, etc. Send pictures and we can add it to the next newsletter. At our county fair we have a large poster laminated on the wall with a picture of a Cotswold and it says: "Don't Hate Me Because I'm Wooliful" It gets a lot of great comments. A little cold at nights lately but otherwise dryer than normal with little snow accumulation. Breeding should be about done for everyone and shearing completed. We have a new wool facility opening in Mechanicsburg, New York. This will give our 4-hers an awesome opportunity to learn hands on about wool grading, sorting and cleaning. Several CBA members went to NAILE and had a wonderful experience. A Big thank you to Lauren and Jill Mohr for taking care of our youth and the silent auction and for Lauren completing our CBA display and being a fantastic Ambassador for CBA. Looking forward to Lambing season fast approaching. Merry Christmas to you all.

Southeast: Vacant Position

Central: Tim Kemper

West: Amber Claflin Devore

Greetings from the West! The first lambs of the new lambing season are on the ground with more on their way. 4-H youth are eyeing the new lambs for their spring fairs. Breeders from Southern California are preparing for their trip to NAILE. We wish everyone a successful time at NAILE!



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CBA MEETING MINUTES

Meeting started at 8pm (ET) on September 18, 2024.

Attendance: Ron Smith (President), Crystal Reimann (Secretary), Alyx Rogers (Vice President), Lauren Mohr, Jill Mohr, Laurie and Tim Kruppenbacher (Treasurer), Sandra Yecker

Old Business:

Laurie would like to update the website. She would be willing to reach out to Doug with all suggestions. Please email her with updated ideas and content suggestions.

kruppenbacher.lt@verizon.net

New Business:

Crystal Reimann asked to create a Google Secretary account. This way all further documents and emails would all be in one location. This was okayed. Tim Kruppenbacher asked if anyone had the password to the costwoldbreedersassociation@gmail.com email account. This account is the corporate email recorded for the organization as part of the corporate filing. Ron will reach out to Diana Watson to see if she has the password or will work with us to reset the password for the email address.

Tim Kruppenbacher - Treasurer reported...

The following update was provided during the meeting:

- Current balance of account is \$8,529.69
- Opening balance for 2024 was \$9,875.60
- Income has been from membership and registrations
- Primary expenses year to date have been; 2023 NAILE, 2024 AAJS, 2024 Freedom Fest, CBA Scholarship
- Futurity currently has a balance of \$100.00
- Annual corporate filing is due to Arizona Corporation Commission by October 9, 2024

Alyx is the next editor for the newsletter. She would like to run a Spring and Fall edition. She asked about Publisher template file for the newsletter. Laurie will share this with her.

Please email any news, pictures to Alyx at alyxrogers@gmail.com

Jr. Ambassador position is still vacant. Lauren Mohr will continue to be junior ambassador for this year make a display for NAILE and Louisville. There was then talk about having a celebration and merchandise to give away for the Junior members at NAILE. Ron said he would get some pizza for the Junior members. There was talk that Ron and the Mohr's would work on putting together a silent auction as a fundraiser for the organization. Jill will coordinate and any donations can be sent to her. Lauren agreed to put together gift bags for all juniors. Laurie Kruppenbacher asked if \$30.00 or no more than \$300 would be enough if we had up to 10 juniors. All in attendance agreed.

Tim then asked who the Junior members were. No one could give a set list of Junior members. Crystal will send out an email asking for names of current or potential Junior members to get a head count.

Sandra Yecker then spoke about her flock of about 64 cotswolds in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. She

asked the group about the potential of her flock as she is going to be having a large-scale ram, ewe, and lamb auction during the third week of October in York Pennsylvania. Sandra is very passionate about the Cotswold breed and wants to give back to her fellow farms and their families. She is hopeful that this sale goes well as there is a large investment in hair sheep in her area.

She asked if we would be willing to help advertise the sale. The group agreed to this. She was asked to send us auction advertisements or promotional materials so we could send it to the organization and post her information on the website.

The meeting came to an end at 9pm. (ET).

CANDID COTSWOLDS



The Claflin Cotswolds welcoming new flock members and posing for a photoshoot!



All American Cotswold fleece entries



ASSOCIATION UPDATES

The CBA website has been updated! Check it out in the link below!

<https://cotswoldbreedersassociation.org/>

New Registrar Address!

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