



The Cotswold Connection

Fall 2020



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President's Report

By Butch Watson

Greetings from Arkansas. First, I would like to send my prayers to Liz South with Southfork Ranch for the loss of one of the Charter members of CBA, Bill South. He will be missed by the Association. Sometimes Bill and I did not always see eye to eye, but he was a wonderful individual that had CBA interest and youth in his heart. With the national disasters from the fires in the west to the flooding and hurricanes in the southeast, I hope that you all are being safe. In regard to Covid 19 virus I hope that we will see the light at the end of the tunnel and we all are able to get back to "normal" in the near future.

I believe that the Cotswolds number in membership and registrations for the 2020 year are doing great. Looking at memberships we have several new people that have join the CBA family. In Arkansas we did have a small lamb crop for the 2020 season as we were late putting a ram in with the ewes but what we did have was some quality animals. However, with Covid restrictions we have not been able to get them out into the show ring this year but hopefully will be out as yearlings next year. I know that some state and district fairs was able to have some shows for the young people to be able to exhibit their animals. This is always a good thing if we can have the young people involved in the raising and showing of livestock at the county, district, state, and national level. As a parent I have never had to worry about where my children were that showed livestock as they were too busy to get into "trouble" preparing livestock for the fairs year-round.

As of this report NAILE is still on go. I will not be at NAILE this year as the decision from NAILE was so late that I have accepted a job working another show that is during NAILE. I figured that NAILE would follow suite with the National Western show and postpone to 2021; however, they did not so I wish good luck to the exhibitors that will be there showing Cotswold sheep. Do not forget to pay the additional entry fee to CBA, please send to me so I can get it to Ann to assist in paying for NAILE awards. Remember several years ago we decided to have the additional entry fee to defer cost instead of asking for donations/sponsorships so if you are showing please get those entry fees in soon as possible. Additionally, the national meeting that usually occurs at NAILE will be virtual or will be a conference call in the near future details of this will be on Facebook and also, I will be emailing out the information when it becomes available.

This year is election of directors if you know of anyone that wishes to represent your director region have them get their information to Ann so we can get them on the ballot. To be a director they will need to be a paid adult member for two years. I would encourage you to become involve in the CBA executive team. I hope that we can get some representation from the fiber side of the organization to serve on the board that will help us (the officer team) to make CBA a better association that is able to serve all parts of the Cotswold breed.

Thank you and be safe for the rest of 2020.

Butch Watson, President

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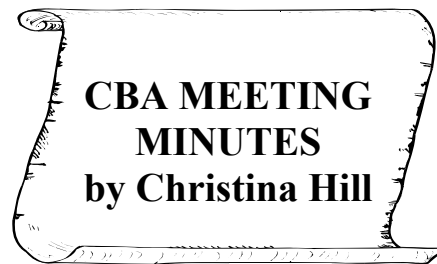
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March 8, 2020

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.

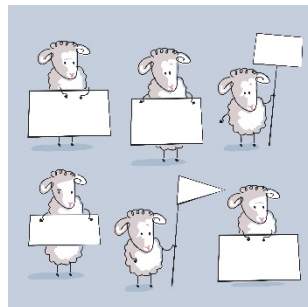
Laurie questioned "rules" that are not in by-laws but are being pushed forward as if they were. Discussion regarding situation in January and Butch stated we need to review all by By-laws and come up with correct language to communicate what we need in the By-Laws. He will email everyone from the Cotswold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



**Interested in Running for a
Position on the CBA Board?**

**Email your bio to Ann Kaminski
by 11/20/20.**

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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 that several of our youth found shows to promote our magnificent breed and ran away with ribbons even with the cancellation of so many shows and events due to Covid.

Wyatt and Carter Short competed at the Empire Classic Youth Sheep Show in Batavia, NY, in July. Carter's ram and ewe were each champion in their wool classes, while Wyatt's ewe was reserve champion wool ewe. Carter Short's flock was champion wool flock. The wool class also included Cotswolds from Heavenly Valley Farm in Delevan, NY.

The Northeast Youth Sheep Show had over 450 sheep entered and over 100 juniors exhibiting. CBA was well represented as Wyatt had the champion & reserve champion Cotswold rams, and Carter's ewes were awarded champion & reserve champion. Wyatt's ewe lamb was judged to be the best fleeced animal, and his flock won the flock entry. They entered Cotswold fleeces to be judged, and participated in showmanship and the skill-a-thon. Other youth in the Cotswold classes included Kaya Farrington from Cummington, MA, and William Wildes from Farmington, CT.

Saratoga County 4-H had a fall animal show series in September with a sheep show since the county fair had been canceled. Wyatt and Carter Short each brought a flock of Cotswold sheep, and came home with supreme champion ram and reserve supreme champion ewe awards.

Kenzie Meyer of Arenzville, IL, was able to compete in several shows this summer. One highlight of the show season was winning the supreme champion ram award at the Youth Sheep Expo in Indiana. So exciting to see great Cotswold representation and success against other breeds! Other Cotswold youth competing at this show included Lauren Mohr (with champion and reserve champion ewes) and Cari Green.

The Southern Adirondack Fiber Producers Cooperative sponsored a Farm to Fiber Tour at the beginning of October. Cracked an Egg Farm in Branden, VT: Marble Meadows in Wallingford, VT; Shorthill Farm & Stoney meadows Farm both in Charlton, NTY participated showcasing Cotswolds, their fleece, wool, wool sculptures as well as demonstrating needle felting and drop spindle spinning.

I apologize if I left out any CBA youth who were showing.

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. Do you have any ideas? Can you help set up shows? Let us know what you are doing with your Cotswolds. We would love to hear from you.



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Southwest Director's Report

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COVID-19 brought our activities to the virtual world. Local 4-H clubs may now meet outside in person in small groups so we are looking forward to getting youth developing their sheep skills in a more hands on manner. We look forward to our local fairs in 2021 for them to show off their lambs.

The Inland Empire Fibershed has been very supportive. Their online shop has opened another avenue to sell our beautiful Cotswold fleeces.

Please reach out and let me know what you are doing with your Cotswold sheep. I would love to hear from you! Happy Lambing! William



Southeast Director's Report

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Hello from the Southeast District. Hope this finds all safe and well during this strange way of life caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. I certainly hope this way does not turn into the "norm" for all of us.

I would like to offer condolences from the Southeast District to Liz South of Southfork Ranch in Coolidge, AZ in the loss of her husband, Bill South. Bill was a charter member of the Cotswold Breeders Association and a great supporter of the CBA and the youth of this organization. Many of us can look at the pedigrees of our top sheep and find Southfork bloodlines in them. Liz know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and hope you will continue with the breeding of quality Cotswold sheep.

I would like to welcome all the new members that we have had join CBA this year in the Southeast district and all other districts. We are here to help and serve you and hope you will feel free to contact your director if you have any type of questions concern CBA or your Cotswold sheep. I encourage the youth to be watching for different opportunities with their Cotswold sheep.

As fall arrives and the leaves start turning, we turn our thoughts to fall lambing season. Hope everyone has a successful fall lambing season and get all those "little fellows" on the ground and up before the snow starts to fly.

This will be the first time in many years that we will not be attending NAILE and it really seems strange not planning and getting lambs ready for the trip. We were sure that NAILE would follow the other large venues and postpone until 2021. They waited so late to make their decision that Butch accepted another show. I wish all our members the best of luck on the green shavings and pray that you will be safe. I look forward to visiting with all of you at the virtual (of some sort) National Meeting in the near future.

This December we will be electing the four directors that will serve for the next two years on the Executive Board. If any of you in the Southeast District that have been a CBA member in good standing for the last two years (2019 and 2020) would be interested in running for this position, please write a short bio and get to Ann Kaminski at annkaminski1@gmail.com by November 20th. If anyone that is thinking about this position has any question, please feel free to contact me and I will try to answer them for you.

Until next time, happy fall lambing from the Southeast!

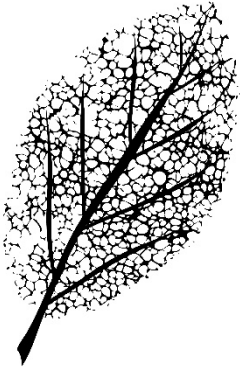
Dianna Watson

Treasurer's Report

CBA Balance per Report 9/30/19				\$ 9,046.64	
Income					
	Registry AHSA		\$1,894.55		
	NAILE Matching Funds		\$1,070.00		
	Youth Activities		\$ 239.00		
	Youth Raffle		\$ 840.00		
	Junior Futurity		\$ 125.00		
	Interest		\$ 2.64		
<i>Total Income</i>				\$ 4,171.19	
Expenses					
	NAILE SHOW FEES 2019		\$1,763.00		
	Jr. Show Futurity premiums		\$ 125.00		
	Scholarship		\$ 500.00		
	Newsletter copies + postage		\$ -		
	Ballot copies + supplies + postage		\$ 121.88		
	Reimb. South Memorial arrangement		\$ 53.59		
	Youth Raffle costs		\$ 94.79		
	AHSA FEES		\$ 577.00		
	Membership TLC + Donation ballot count		\$ 60.00		
	Arizona Corporation filing fee		\$ 10.00		
	Advertising in print & on web		\$ 284.00		
	Post Office Box rent		\$ 46.00		
<i>Total Expenses</i>				\$ 3,635.26	
	BALANCE 9/30/2020			\$ 9,582.57	
Funds held in					
	Checkbook		\$3,863.37		
	Savings Account		\$5,719.20		
	Total		\$9,582.57		

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Kaminski, Treasurer



It is with great sadness that we share the loss of one of our founding members, Bill South. The following will be published in The Banner.

Bill South, a former law enforcement officer and one of the founding members of the Cotswold Breeders Association died Sept 4, 2020 at his home in Coolidge, Arizona. Bill was born July, 6, 1935 in Akron, Ohio to Ira and Maebeth South. He attended Wadsworth schools and as a young man he worked with his father and learned to operate heavy machinery.

He moved to Arizona in 1960 and was one of the first police officers hired by the Tempe police department, receiving badge #7. He began as a patrol and motorcycle officer and was promoted to Lieutenant and worked in the department's investigation division. He retired from the Tempe Police Department in 1982 and entered the 'sheep' phase of his life, learning to shear, feed and raise good sheep. The luster and beauty of Cotswold fiber drew Bill into the purebred sheep business. In 1996 he joined forces with several other Arizona Cotswold breeders and organized Cotswold Breeders Association which accepted both white and natural color sheep. He began exhibiting his sheep at local and state fairs, the National CBA shows and eventually at NAILE. Longtime friend and sheep judge Tor Sorensen shared this story:

"For over 35 years Bill was like a second father to me. He was always willing to help me out in any way I needed. He was kind, loving, obstinate and opinionated all rolled up into one ball. There wasn't anything or any problem that he wasn't willing to tackle. He might not have known how to fix something but by the end of the project, he was a master of it.

Many years ago, after Bill and his first wife Joyce had exhibited their Cotswolds at the NAILE quite unsuccessfully, I convinced him to let me take them and do a little bit of presentation, ie: trimming and rinsing. The result was three out of four champions. In all of my years showing sheep, that memory ranks up there with the best of them." Bill went on to show his white and natural color Cotswolds and later, Karakuls, at many of the larger California fairs including San Diego County Fair in Del Mar, as well as the Big E, Arizona State Fair and Puyallup Fair in Washington. His last show was the Arizona State Fair in 2019 where he exhibited the supreme champion ewe, a natural color Cotswold ewe lamb.

Jaime Mendoza, livestock superintendent at San Diego County Fair said Bill was no stranger to winning in the show ring. If you had the opportunity to watch Bill give his ribbons away to kids, you would think that all the hard work he put in was for the chance to make the kids visit to the fair special. Bill would later joke with me that he only came for the premiums and that ribbons didn't matter. He would later come into the office with a ribbon in hand that was damaged by the sheep and request that I swap it for a new one. I would follow him out of the office and watch him hand the new ribbon to a family visiting the barn. I have always told people that I had the best job because I got paid to see my friends every summer. I have been given the opportunity to meet the best people in the livestock industry. The SDCF staff and I were thankful for every summer that we got to see Bill. I'm thankful that Liz and Bill chose SDCF as one of the fairs that they would attend every year. Mendoza said he was guaranteed to lose a fair amount of time when Bill decided to tell jokes. If Bill happened to come into the office when Don Cardey was there the staff would be treated to a show. The exchange of jokes could go on for quite a while. No winner was ever declared between these two living legends, but the audience was always left feeling like the winners. I'm sure that I will need all of eternity to hear all the jokes that Bill will have by the next time I see him. He would always go out of his way to check in and see if there was more that he or the other exhibitors could do to make my job easier. My first job in the fair industry was to run the sheep show at the SDCF. Bill was instrumental in giving me advice and guiding me to build a successful show. I worked to grow the show because of the investment that Bill made in me.

Outside of the sheep, Bill was always looking for a new adventure and decided he would grow hay for his sheep. Acquiring the necessary equipment to cut, swath and bale, he and Liz put up hay for sheep feed and bedding. Bill was also a race fan and one of the highlights of his life was participating in the Richard Petty Driving Experience at the Phoenix International Raceway. He also raced at the Ventura track at the Ventura County fairground in California.

Bill is survived by his wife, Liz, his children Debbie (John), Jill (Bill), Shelly (Don), Rick (Tina) and Brandon (Stephanie), 13 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren and sisters- Mary, Peg (Don) and Ruth.



2020 Futurity Results

2020 Ewe Lamb Futurity Points													Total	Pay		
Name	State	Reg. #	Tag #	Scrapie #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Points	Place	Back	Breeder
Carter Short	NY	C/W08200	2006	NY1152902006	9	10	5						24	1	30.00	Shorthill Farm -- Christina Hill
Wyatt Short	NY	C/W08205	2008	NY1152902008	10	9	4						23	2	25.00	Shorthill Farm -- Christina Hill
Carter Short	NY	C/W08203	2004	NY1152902004	0	7	3						10	3	20.00	Shorthill Farm -- Christina Hill
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1 -- Empire Classic Youth Sheep Show -- Batavia, NY -- Tim Gudsby -- 7-25-2020																
2 -- North East Youth Sheep Show -- Springfield, MA -- Matt Best -- 8-1-2020																
3 -- Saratoga 4-H Fall Animal Show -- Ballston Spa, NY -- Adrian McGreevy -- 9-19-2020																

2020 Yearling Ewe Futurity Points													Total	Pay		
Name	State	Reg. #	Tag #	Scrapie #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Points	Place	Back	Breeder
Ava Kemper	MO	W08044	Meyer 1931	IL1961F1931	7	5							12		30.00	Kenzie Meyer, Arenzville, IL
Addison Kemper	MO	W08645	Meyer 1935	IL1961F1935	4	4							8		20.00	Kenzie Meyer, Arenzville, IL
1 -- Freedom Fest -- Bowling Green, MO -- Craig Beckmeier -- 7-5-2020																
2 -- N.E. FFA Expo -- Mexico, MO -- Adam Gatson -- 7-28-2020																

Congratulations!!



Photo Contest 2020 Winners!

Thank you to those that participated in the CBA Photo Contest.

The Winners in the Four Categories:

- 1. Sheep & Wool Related Activities: Photographs of activities such as shearing, moving/trailing sheep, lambing, showing, feeding, etc.**
Congratulations to Laurie Kruppenbacher for the photo "Winning Brothers"
- 2. Scenic Landscapes: Photographs of sheep outdoors.**
Congratulations to Tim Kruppenbacher for the photo "Manger Scene"
- 3. Portraits of Sheep and/or Lambs.**
Congratulations to Sam Kruppenbacher for the photo "Cotswolds Rule"
- 4. Cotswold Wool: People working with wool or items made from Cotswold wool.**
There were no entries in this category.



Watch your newsletter for these pictures!