

National Junior Dorset Association 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President and Director At Large Natalie Harmeyer at 7:10 PM at the KY Exposition Center on Saturday, November, 10, 2007. Introduction of the other board members present were made: Vice President and Great Lakes Director Sierra Vondenhuevel, Great Plains Director Kristen Peters, Western Director Katy Byers and North Central Director Sarah Bush. Then the junior Dorset members in attendance introduced themselves.

Sierra Vondenhuevel read the minutes from the 2006 Annual Meeting for Secretary/Treasurer Rachael Gately. Minutes were accepted as read. Sierra also presented the 2006-2007 Treasurer's Report. Income was \$2,858.00 and expenses were \$2,437.79 for a balance of \$11,211.85. Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

-Announcements & Reports:

-All-American Junior Show: Sarah Bush gave a report on the 2007 All-American Junior Show that was held At Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. There were 167 head of Polled Dorsets and 40 head of Horned Dorset entered. The Dorset BBQ lunch was held on Saturday at noon with a large numbers of juniors and their families in attendance. The 2008 All-American Junior Show would be held at the Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO on July 4-6, 2008. The question was asked if there was enough interest from our Horned Dorset Juniors to have a separate division for Horned Dorsets. Since there was enough interest then plans will go forward to include them once again.

-Dorset Futurity Program: Deb Hopkins reported the regional 2007 winners: New England: Rachael Gately with her Ram & Ewe Farm bred ewe lamb; Eastern: Troy Longenecker with his Stephen A. Myers bred ewe lamb; Great Lakes: Cruz Nichols with his Mithoefer Dorsets bred ewe lamb; North Central: Kali Wolkow with her Haven Point Dorsets bred ewe lamb; Great Plains: Lauralee Martin with her Kristina Repasky bred ewe lamb; and Western: Jackson Christian with his Kristina Repasky bred ewe lamb. Final national ewe lamb and yearling placings would be determined after the junior show on Sunday. She thanked all the breeders for nominating their ewe lambs and the junior buyers for participating in the program.

-NAILE Junior Show: Natalie Harmeyer announced that Dorset junior show would be second in one of the rings on Sunday, beginning with Horned Dorsets. The judge would be Craig Beckmeier. She reminded exhibitors that the owner must be at the head of their animals and to participate in the state/regional flocks. She also announced that the fitted yearling ewe class in the Polled Show would be split.

-Scholarship: The 2007 Scholarship Winners were Cody Penfold and Natalie Harmeyer. Sierra Vondenhuevel presented checks to Cody and Natalie.

-New Business:

-Fund Raising: With the presentation of two \$1000 each year it was decided to assist the fund contributions from the 1 % from the National Sales by doing something more each year. Sierra Vondenhuevel moved to have some regional gift baskets at the Ohio Dorset Sale. Motion seconded by Kristen Peters. Motion Carried. Committee was appointed to get the baskets organized and to the event.

-Election of 2007-2008 Officers: The following directors were elected: New England: Rachael Gately, CT; Eastern: Troy Longenecker, PA; Great Lakes: Sierra Vondenhuevel, OH; North Central: Sarah Bush, MO; Great Plains: Monica Ebert, KS; Western: Katy Byers, CA; and Director At Large: Natalie Harmeyer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

-Directors Reorganization Meeting: The board members elected the following slate of officers for 2007-2008: President- Natalie Harmeyer, Vice President- Sierra Vondenhuevel, and Secretary/Treasurer- Rachael Gately.

It was also discussed to raffle off a free page ad in "The Dorset Connection" as

an additional scholarship fund raiser.

2008 ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW BEING HELD IN SEDALIA

The 2008 All-American Junior Sheep Show is going to be held a week following the National Dorset Sale in Sedalia, Missouri at the State Fairgrounds. The dates for this years show are July 4-6, 2008. The All-American is the premier junior breeding sheep show in the country and this year will once again feature classes for both Polled and Horned Dorsets. Exact details have yet to be finalized. Look for all the details in the next newsletter!

If you have never attended an All-American Junior Show please make plans to attend this very special event! It is much more than just a sheep show as there are several activities for the whole family. Entries close June 1st. Check out the All-American Website: www.allamericanjuniorshow.com for entry information.

The Continental Dorset Club needs to raise funds to support the Dorset shows in the All-American. We are very fortunate to have ewe lambs being donated to sell at the Ohio Dorset Sale in March. Breeder to be announced is donating a polled fall ewe lamb and the Cassell Family of Wytheville, VA will be donating a horned fall ewe lamb. Your bidding support on these ewe lambs will be very much appreciated. Thank-you very much to these two breeders for supplying these ewe lambs!

We will also be looking for class sponsors at the upcoming Ohio Dorset Sale and annual meeting in Sedalia. If you would like to be a class sponsor and will not be in attendance at either event please feel free to contact the CDC Office (401)647-4676 or ccdorset@cox.net with your sponsorship.

NJDA HOLDING FUND RAISER AT OHIO DORSET SALE

The National Junior Dorset Association will be silent auctioning off some gift baskets and raffling off a full page ad in the upcoming "Dorset Connection" at the Ohio Dorset Sale in March. The NJDA has a very successful scholarship program in which they award two \$1,000 college scholarships each year and those funds need to be replenished.

The CDC already has instituted a policy that 1% of the National Dorset Sale gross goes into the fund annually. A big thank-you to the Dorset consignors at these sales! To assist with fund raising the NJDA have taken it upon themselves to do some fund raising to assure the viability of this fund to continue with the scholarship program.

Please help support our juniors in their fund raising efforts at the upcoming Ohio Dorset sale!

2008 REGIONAL JUNIOR SHOW SITES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Following are the show sites for the upcoming 2008 regional junior shows:

- *New England - Northeast Youth Sheep Show, West Springfield, MA, July, 18th-20th
- *Eastern - Delaware Junior Livestock Exposition, Harrington, DE, October 11th
- *Great Lakes - Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH, August 6th
- *North Central - to be announced
- *Great Plains - Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa, OK, September 28th
- *Western - California State Fair, August 15th

Entry and more details will be printed in the next newsletter but hopefully this will be enough information to start making your show season plans.

There are two new rule changes concerning regional junior show eligibility that went into effect last year. A junior member can now show at more than one regional show per calendar year. Also, the upper age limit has changed to where junior exhibitors 21 years old and under as of January 1st of the current year are eligible to show.

To avoid any confusion, following are the eligibility requirements for these shows as outlined by the CDC:

1) Exhibitor must be a current member of the CDC whether in the youth enrollment program or a lifetime member.

2) Exhibitor 21 years old and under as of January 1, 2008 is eligible. There is no lower age limit but the exhibitor must be able to lead and/or control the head of his/her animal in the show ring.

3) Exhibitor must be present to show their own animals unless physically impaired. The junior owner will need to be at the head of the animal controlling it in the show ring, unless of course they have more than one entry in a class in which case another junior exhibitor showing their second animal is acceptable.

4) Sheep must be registered in the youth's name. Youth partnerships are acceptable except for futurity animals which must be in the individual youth owner's name ONLY. Farm names or "family" ownerships are not acceptable.

5) Exhibitor can show at more than one regional junior dorset show per calendar year, the CDC strongly encourages juniors to at least show at the regional show in the region in which they reside

6) EWE FUTURITY PROGRAM: Your futurity ewe can earn double points at a regional junior show for the futurity ewe program, only the highest regional showing will be doubled, any others will count as a regular show.

Regional junior shows are sometimes held in conjunction with existing shows so there definitely may be other show specific rules and regulations that apply. Please be aware of these requirements when making out your entries.

NJDA President's Letter

Once again, another year has come and gone, and oh how fast 2007 has gone by! I hope that everyone was blessed with a great holiday and lambing season! Just as 2007 has come and gone so have many great things for the Dorset breed and exhibitors. As we recap the year, many things come to mind. The first being the always highly anticipated North American International Livestock Expedition, which as usual, was a great time!

The 2007 N.A.I.L.E was a great success for the Dorsets. As always, the junior show had a great turn out with 142 polled dorsets and 53 horned dorsets participating. With judge Craig Beckmeier from Illinois sorting the Dorsets, many families from all around the country had a successful day in the show ring in both the Polled and Horned Junior Shows. Congratulations to all participants!

The National Junior Dorset Association held their annual meeting which allowed members to get together, eat pizza and discuss topics related to the association. During the meeting, the junior members voted to conduct new fund raisers to be held at the Ohio sale. The association will have a silent auction selling regional gift baskets and will also be raffling off a full page ad in the Dorset Connection. Regional Futurity winners were announced and presented a plaque for their accomplishments. Regional Directors were voted on, bringing two new directors to the junior board. Congratulations Troy Longenecker and Monica Ebert who joined the board of directors consisting of Sierra Vondenhuevel, Sarah Bush, Rachael Gately, Katy Buyers and myself Natalie Harmeyer.

A great year has gone which will only bring what we hope to be another great year for the dorset breed, association and members! Congratulations to all for their many accomplishments and I hope everyone has a great show season this coming year! If anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions about the junior association feel free to contact me at (405)-338-8692 or harmeye@okstate.edu.

Sincerely, NJDA President & Director-at-Large Natalie Harmeyer