

**WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2023**

Welcome: President BJ Jones welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the current WLBA Board of Directors, Ex-Officio, and Executive Director.

WLBA Business Meeting: President Jones called the 2023 Annual Meeting of the general membership of the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association to order at 7:08 p.m. on Sunday March 19, 2023. The meeting was held virtually by Zoom.

Approval of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes: Jeffrey Swenson moved to approve the 2022 WLBA Annual Meeting Minutes, Heidi Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2022 WLBA Financial Report: Jennifer Bugenhagen moved to approve the 2022 WLBA Financial Report, Devan Klopfenstein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2023 WLBA Proposed Budget: Aubrey Doherty moved to approve the 2023 WLBA Proposed Budget, Heidi Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed New Bylaw: A new, proposed bylaw was presented by Vice President Heidi Thorson. The bylaw reads as follows with the changes shown in bolded text;

a.) *The Board of Directors shall consist of sixteen (16-19) members, including ex-officio members, and the Executive Director. All (16-19) directors are eligible to vote. The Executive Director is a paid member of the Board. In addition, one director shall be elected by the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association and an additional three directors elected at-large representing the cattle industry; one director shall be elected by the Wisconsin Pork Association and an additional three directors elected at-large representing the pork industry, and; one director shall be elected by the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative and an additional three directors elected at-large representing the sheep industry, and up to three additional directors elected at-large representing the meat goat industry. One of the at-large Directors of each of the three species shall, on a rotating basis, be elected at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association and shall be seated at that time. With the exception of the Executive Director, Directors shall be elected for terms of three years. Directors who have served three consecutive terms shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of one year following the expiration of the third term. A Chairman of the Animal Science Department from the University of Wisconsin system or his/her representative, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection or his/her representative, and a representative from the Wisconsin State Fair Park who has an interest in the livestock industry, shall be Ex-Officio members of the Board of Directors.*

Heidi Thorson moved to approve the new WLBA bylaw a presented. Amy Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The bylaw will begin immediately.

Out-Going Directors: BJ Jones thanked out-going WLBA director Marge Knauer who has served on the WLBA for six years.

WLBA Director Election: President Jones reminded the WLBA membership that the WLBA by-laws allow for one director per species appointed by the WCA, WSBC and WPA and three at-large directors per species elected by the WLBA membership. Jones announced that in 2023 three at-large director positions would be elected. Listed on

the ballot for the at-large sheep position was Jennifer Bugenhagen. Listed on the ballot for the at-large swine position was Alicia Prill-Adams. Listed on the ballot for the new at-large meat goat position was Mike Egan. President Jones asked for nominations from the floor three consecutive times and seeing there were none, Heidi Thorson moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the three candidates on the ballot. Laura Monson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2023 Spring Preview Show: BJ Jones reported that the WLBA Spring Preview Show will be held on June 3-4, at the Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson, WI. Sheep and Meat Goats will show on Saturday as well as the Hereford and Angus State Shows. The WLBA beef and swine shows will held on Sunday. BJ noted that the Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast will be held on the grounds on Saturday morning again, so the WLBA's schedule is accommodating that event being on the grounds. Jones noted that the Spring Preview Show continues to be hugely successful show and encouraged members continued participation.

Wisconsin Livestock Show Camp: Jill Alf announced that this year's Livestock Show Camp will be held on June 10-11th, at Wisconsin State Fair Park. Alf announced that Purina Animal Nutrition continues to be pleased with the success of their partnership with the WLBA to put on the camp and will be working with the WLBA again in 2023. In addition, Alf announced that this year's camp will also be a Sullivan's Show Stock University event. Alf reported that camp clinicians are being sought and that a high caliber event is anticipated with the participation of both Purina and Sullivan's. Alf noted that camp registrations can be found online on the WLBA website.

Wisconsin Summer Spectacular: Heidi Thorson reported that the Summer Spectacular has been scheduled for Sunday, August 27th at the Rock County Fairgrounds, Janesville WI. Thorson noted that the 2022 Summer Spectacular Show saw strong entries and that the new show location in Janesville continues to be well received. More information on this show will be available soon.

2023 WLBA Honorees Recognition Program:

- Greg Miller-Beef Honoree (Presented by Eric Katzenberger)
- Kurth Farms, Bob Wiese/Jon & Wynn Wittkopf Family-Sheep Honorees (Presented by Jennifer Bugenhagen)
- Glenn & Pam Puntney Family-Swine Honoree (Presented by Aubrey Doherty & Devan Klopfenstin)
- Mike Egan-Friend of the WLBA Award (Presented by Heidi Thorson)

Case IH Master Stockman Awards: Nate Weinkauff, Mary Beth Carr, and Jordan Alf announced the 2023 Master Stockman Award (\$1000) winners. Awards were presented to:

- Talena Sprecher (Swine)
- Ava Leibfried (Beef)
- Brayden Peter (Swine)

Master Stockman Honorable Mention Awards (\$250) were presented to:

- Joey Robinson (Sheep)
- Samantha Rake (Swine)

Jill Alf thanked Nate Weinkauff, Mary Beth Carr, and Jordan Alf for serving as this year's Case IH Master Stockman Award judges. BJ Jones thanked Case IH for their continued support and partnership.

Mary Beth Carr reminded WLBA junior members of the April 15th deadline for the Wisconsin State Fair Governor's Auction Scholarship.

Adjourn: The 2023 Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Annual Meeting was moved to be adjourned by Hannah Schultz at 8:20 p.m., Eric Katzenberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill C. Alf
WLBA Executive Director