

WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2024

Welcome: President Eric Katzenberger welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the current WLBA Board of Directors, Ex-Officio, Executive Director and the Case IH Master Stockman Interview Team.

WLBA Business Meeting: President Katzenberger called the 2024 Annual Meeting of the general membership of the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association to order at 7:04 p.m., on Sunday April 7, 2024. The meeting was held virtually by Zoom.

Approval of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes: Hannah Schultz moved to approve the 2023 WLBA Annual Meeting Minutes, Devan Klopfenstein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2023 WLBA Financial Report: Jeff Swenson moved to approve the 2023 WLBA Financial Report, Heidi Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2024 WLBA Proposed Budget: Heidi Thorson moved to approve the 2024 WLBA Proposed Budget, Hannah Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Out-Going Directors: Eric Katzenberger thanked out-going WLBA director Heidi Thorson who has served 9-years on the board and Aubrey Doherty who served 3 years on the board. Both Heidi and Aubrey shared a few words about their time on the board.

WLBA Director Election: President Katzenberger introduced both candidates. Stacy Schmoll who is running for an at-large sheep director position and Courtney Mullooly who is running for an at-large swine director position. Stacy Schmoll said a few words about her family's participation and experience with the WLBA. President Katzenberger 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 two candidates on the ballot. Devan Klopfenstein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2024 Spring Preview Show: Eric Katzenberger reported that the WLBA Spring Preview Show will be held on June 1-2, 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 be held on Sunday. Eric noted that the Spring Preview Show continues to be a 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 in a new one-day format on June 8th, at the Rock County Fairgrounds. Alf reported that camp clinicians have been confirmed. The Dan Smerchek Family will serve as clinicians of the sheep camp, Kolin Huth will serve as the clinician for the beef camp, and Izzy Doherty will serve as the clinician for the swine camp.

Wisconsin Summer Spectacular: Laura Monson reported that the Summer Spectacular has been scheduled for Sunday, August 25th at the Rock County Fairgrounds, Janesville WI. More information on this show will be available soon.

2024 WLBA Honorees Recognition Program:

- Andy & Leah Mindemann-Beef Honoree (Presented by Jeff Swenson)
- Eric & Kayla Meudt-Sheep Honorees (Presented by Laura Monson)
- Tom & Marge Knauer-Swine Honoree (Presented by Cara Cross & Devan Klopfenstein)
- Kegley Show Supplies-Friend of the WLBA Award (Presented by BJ Jones)

Case IH Master Stockman Awards: Jordan Alf, representing Case IH spoke about the Master Stockman Award Program and then announced the 2024 Master Stockman Award (\$1000) winners. Winning the Case IH Master Stockman Awards were:

- Bracen Brandt (Sheep)
- Emma Ginard (Swine)
- Lindsey Schmoll (Sheep)

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

- Alisha Klemme (beef)
- Annamarie Aue (sheep)
- Emma Kurtzweil (sheep)

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

Adjourn: The 2024 Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Annual Meeting was moved to be adjourned by Hannah Schultz at 7:55 pm, BJ Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill C. Alf
WLBA Executive Director