

**North American Wensleydale Sheep Assoc.**  
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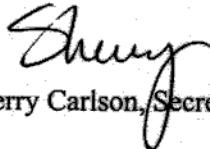
Hi All,

Here is the agenda for the upcoming meeting. PLEASE, if you would like to have anything discussed regarding the Association, Wensleydales, etc.– call or send me an email immediately and I will add it to the agenda. We welcome input from all members, so don't hesitate to suggest a topic.

Our bylaws state: "The Annual Membership Meeting is held for the purpose of announcing the election results of Board members, for hearing the report of officers of the Board, for the consideration of bylaws changes, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting".

Please be reminded that membership meetings are for discussion only and are also advisory meetings to the Board of Directors - no items are voted upon at the meetings. Any matters requiring a vote of the membership, i.e. changes to the bylaws, will be conducted by mail so that all members may participate.

Best Regards,



Sherry Carlson, Secretary

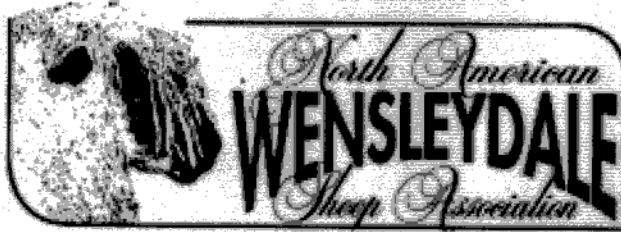
*Note: If you have not sent me registrations for your lambs born in 2002, please call or send me an email to let me know the count so that a total number of animals may be reported at our meeting!*

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**Public Program Offered  
Laparoscopic Artificial Insemination in Sheep**

The North American Wensleydale Sheep Association is pleased to host Martin Dally of Hopland, CA who will present a program on LAI - a process that allows rapid flock improvement through the use of superior sires. The presentation will cover the issues of selecting the ideal ewe, improving conception rates and the use of hormone therapy. There is no charge for this program, and the specific meeting time and location will be posted on the festival grounds and on our website at [www.WensleydaleSheep.org](http://www.WensleydaleSheep.org)

**ANNUAL  
MEETING  
NOTICE**



Following the program on LAI, the Association will conduct its annual membership meeting. This meeting is also open to non-members. Please refer to our website for information regarding Wensleydale sheep, history, statistics and wool, the registry, bylaws, meetings, membership and more.

[www.WensleydaleSheep.org](http://www.WensleydaleSheep.org)

North American Wensleydale Sheep Assoc.  
Annual Membership Meeting

held at  
NY State Fiber Festival  
Rhinebeck, NY

Saturday, October 19, 2002  
(tentative time 5:00 pm)

## AGENDA

1. Call to order *Barbara Burrows*
2. Approve minutes of June 2001 Member meeting
3. Treasurer's Report *Sandi Hanson*  
Proposed budget for 2003
4. Secretary's Report *Sherry Carlson*  
Announce new directors for 2003-04 term  
Membership status  
Current registrations  
Advertising
5. New Business  
*Items for Discussion:*
  - A. Future of the NAWSA website *David Moran*
  - B. Effect of the UK F&M on the US program. "
  - C. Importation status for the US. "
  - D. Semen availability in the US. *\$155.00* "
  - E. Breeding AI expertise and availability at present in the US. "
  - F. Date for directors to assume office *Sherry Carlson*
  - G. Showing percentage sheep as "Wensleydale" "
6. Unfinished Business  
Update on Newsletter
7. Adjourn

NAWSA Membership Meeting Oct 19, 2002

President Barbara Burrows called the meeting to order at 1:50pm EST.

Members present: Barbara Burrows, Neil Kentner, Martin Dally, David Moran, Myrtle Dow, Roy Dow, Andrea Szabo, and Sherry Carlson.

### Approve Minutes

David Moran made a motion to approve the minutes of the membership meeting held on June ---- 2001. Seconded by Martin Dally, the motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Sandi Hanson was unable to attend the meeting but furnished a current budget report and a proposed budget for 2003. For 2002, the Association had a beginning balance of \$882.80; income from membership and registrations was \$670. Expenses for Advertising, corporate expense, office supplies and web site totaled \$539.50 resulting in an ending balance of \$1,013.50.

2003 Proposed Budget			
Income	Membership	\$ 625.00	
	Registrations	<u>500.00</u>	
	Total income		\$ 1,125.00
Expenses	Ads/Marketing	\$ 200.00	
	Corporate exp	10.00	
	Office supplies	60.00	
	Postage	100.00	
	Web Site	<u>375.00</u>	
	Total Expense		<u>(745.00)</u>
			\$ 380.00

Neil Kentner made a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2003, seconded by David Moran, the motion carried.

### Director's Election Results

Sherry Carlson announced that the three directors elected for the term of 2003-2004 were: Andrea Szabo, Martin Dally, and Sherry Carlson. (The term of the remaining Board members is 2002-2003).

### Codon Testing

Regarding our requirement that all rams in our registry as well as semen imported must test RR at Codon 171, Martin Dally suggested that as of October 2002, we require all new rams imported to submit a certificate to NAWSA stating their codon status as RR. If no documentation is submitted, the registry will not recognize progeny of such rams. Members agreed that this would be a good idea and the board could set this as policy at their meeting.

Martin Dally commented that we might want to keep records on how many Wensleydale-X rams are tested with results other than RR. Myrtle Dow said that she had one test QQ and will confirm that the sire was Upper Mill Cracker; the only ram recognized in our registry that is not RR. (Cracker is QR and was used before the Association was organized). David Moran agreed that this would be a good idea, but there was no determination made regarding how this research information might be collected.

Neil reported that based on the 2001 flock book, there have been about as many Cotswold ewes recorded as foundation stock as there have been Lincoln ewes. To date, there have been no English Leicesters recorded as foundation ewes.

### **Advertising**

Sherry Carlson asked the membership what publications they considered the most effective (and affordable) to make our presence known. It was agreed that we should maintain an organization listing in the following four publications: Sheep! Magazine, The Shepherd Magazine, The Marker, and the Black Sheep Newsletter.

### **New Business**

David Moran suggested that it might be helpful to post on our website a list of sellers of Wensleydale semen, and also technicians who can do the LAI procedure. Sherry Carlson said that she currently responds to inquiries on an individual basis with a list of importers and technicians that she is aware of and that buyers must contact the sellers individually to determine availability and pricing. This procedure seems to be working satisfactorily at this point since ours is a very small community and there is not much activity in this regard. It was also suggested that we have no way of knowing complete or accurate information on either importers or technicians and thought that posting this information might mistakenly appear to be an endorsement.

Martin Dally reported that his correspondence with USDA regarding the import embargo was that it would certainly not be lifted before March 2003 due to the legal process involved in publishing the decision in the federal register. However, there is no information regarding how long after March 2003 the process may take.

### **Fiscal Year**

Sherry Carlson noted the fact that we have established an awkward fiscal year of April 1 to March 31. At the time it was set, it seemed to be a good idea but it has proven confusing regarding: financial reporting, membership renewal date, election dates, etc. The members present agreed that we should investigate changing the bylaws to show a fiscal year that coincides with the calendar year.

There was discussion regarding the presentation of our animals at fairs and festivals. Sherry was concerned that if the public believes that the 50% and 75% animals they are seeing now are thought to be purebred, they will have a mistaken impression of purebred Wensleydales. It is important that breeders make an effort to clarify and not let people assume by omission that these are purebred Wensleydales. In addition, Neil Kentner added that we, as conscientious producers, should take the time with buyers to educate them in all aspects of the upgrading program.

### **Newsletter**

At the last meeting there was intent to publish a bi-annual newsletter but that has not materialized. Members now think that this item should be tabled and that the publication of the meeting minutes on the website was informative enough for the time being.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Sherry Carlson

NAWSA Board of Directors' Meeting Oct 19, 2002

President Barbara Burrows called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm EST.

The full board of directors was present: Barbara Burrows, Martin Dally, David Moran, Sherry Carlson, Myrtle Dow, Andrea Szabo and Neil Kentner.

David Moran made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of 2001. Myrtle Dow seconded and the motion was carried.

#### **Election of Board Officers**

For the position of **President**, Neil Kentner was nominated by Andrea Szabo, seconded by David Moran

For **Vice-President**, Barbara Burrows was nominated by Sherry Carlson, seconded by Myrtle Dow

For **Secretary**, Sherry Carlson was nominated by Barbara Burrows, seconded by Myrtle Dow.

Martin Dally made a motion, seconded by David Moran, to cast a unanimous ballot for the three positions as nominated. Motion carried.

Sandi Hanson has agreed to continue in the office of Treasurer as provided for in the bylaws.

#### **Fiscal Year**

Neil Kentner made a motion to amend the NAWSA bylaws to reflect a fiscal year of January 1 - December 31 and that the Director's terms should coincide with the calendar year. Seconded by Andrea Szabo, the motion carried and the Secretary was instructed to proceed with this change that will require a vote of the membership.

#### **Codon 171 Status of Rams**

Martin Dally made a motion to state that as of October 2002, it is the responsibility of the importer of Wensleydale semen to submit a certification to our Association indicating the codon status of the donor ram. The certificate, which would most likely come from the country of origin, must show that the ram has tested RR at Codon 171. If a certificate is not filed with the Association, progeny from such rams will not be recognized in the registry. Neil Kentner seconded, and the motion carried.

#### **Meeting Location for 2003**

Myrtle Dow told the board that she and Roy could arrange for Wensleydale classes at the Estes Park Wool Festival in Colorado. This is held in mid-June. Since there are not many animals available yet for a full show, it was suggested to group them by sex and age but to show white and colored animals together. There was also interest in having a 'best fleece' class for Wensleydales. Myrtle mentioned that the Festival might also pay premiums on our classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 pm

**North American Wensleydale Sheep Association  
Proposed Budget 2003**

Description	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
<b>Income Categories</b>		
Membership	\$ 400.00	\$ 625.00
Foundation Ewes	\$ 45.00	\$ 100.00
Lambs	<u>\$ 225.00</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 670.00	\$ 1,125.00
<b>Expense Categories</b>		
Advertisement / Marketing	\$ 76.00	\$ 200.00
Corporate Expense	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Office Supplies	\$ 36.10	\$ 60.00
Postage Expense	\$ 48.40	\$ 100.00
Web Site Expense	<u>\$ 369.00</u>	<u>\$ 375.00</u>
Total Expense:	\$ 539.50	\$ 745.00
 Grand Total	 \$ 130.50	 \$ 380.00