

**2023 CDC National Junior Dorset Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 11, 2023 Louisville, KY**

The 2023 NJDA Annual Meeting was called to order by President Kylie Schakel of the Great Lakes region at 11:10 PM EST on November 11, 2023 at the KY Exposition Center. Kylie announced that due to the lateness of the evening, the meeting would be a condensed version. Introductions of the other Board members were made as follows: Vice President Breanna Knittel – North Central region, Secretary/Treasurer Madelyn Syme – New England region, Emma Oberholtzer – Eastern Region, Braxton Young – Great Plains region, Megan Smith – Western region and Owen Torrance – Director at Large. Western Director, Megan Smith, was not in attendance. Kylie then had junior members in attendance introduce themselves. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. CDC Secretary Deb Hopkins as well as incoming CDC Secretary, Michelle Torrance, were in attendance along with CDC President Rachael Gately and CDC Vice President Jeremy Couch to support the Junior Association. Due to the late time, it was moved and seconded to accept the 2022 Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried. Treasurer, Madelyn Syme reported the NJDA is doing exceptionally good financially. Owen Torrance moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Taylor Crouch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements & Reports:

-2023 Junior Show Reports: Junior members gave reports on the 2023 All American Junior Show in Madison, WI and the 2023 Regional shows held around the country. Owen Torrance reported on All American; Emma Oberholtzer on the Eastern Regional; Madelyn Syme on the New England Regional; Jayna Althoff on the Great Lakes Regional; Braxton Young on the Great Plains Regional; Brea Knittel on the North Central Regional and Freedom Fes; no report was given on the Western Regional. Deb Hopkins announced that the 2024 All American Junior Show will be held in East Lansing, MI on the Michigan State University campus from July 4 – 7. The NJDA Board will be hosting another evening activity for Junior exhibitors and their families similar to the event last year.

-Dorset Youth Ewe Grant Program: Kylie Schakel recognized Chloe Knepper, IA, Jayci White, KY, Ellie Ann Johnson, AR, Zoey Jacob, NC and Denali Bosco, OR as the 2023 Ewe Grant recipients. She also reminded those in attendance that the deadline was December 1 for anyone who still wanted to apply.

-Scholarship Winners: Deb Hopkins awarded Kylie Schakel, IN and Linsey Eddy, OH the 2023 Tracy Repasky Memorial Scholarship winners. Both ladies were in attendance to accept their scholarships.

-Dorset Futurity Program: Deb Hopkins announced the 2023 Futurity winners and Rachael Gately presented them with their awards. This year, the Polled Yearling Ewe, Polled Ewe Lamb and Horned Ewe Lamb Futurities all had five payouts; the Dorset Advantage Ewe Lamb had four payouts; and the newly expanded Bred & Owned category had five payouts to Polled Slick Shorn lambs and four each to Polled Fitted and Horned Ewe lambs. A big THANK YOU to all of the breeders for nominating their ewe lambs and to the junior members for their excellent participation. Deb reminded all ewe lamb exhibitors to nominate their lambs again in 2024 for the Yearling Ewe division.

New Business:

-Election of 2023-2024 Directors: The ballot of nominees was presented to the members. Paper ballots were handed out and counted. The 2023-2024 Directors were elected as follows: New England – Madelyn Syme, CT; Eastern-Katherine (Kat) Rapp, PA; Great Lakes – Braxton Sedwick, IN; North Central – Breanna Knittel, IL; Great Plains – Ashlyn Maddox, OK; Western – Megan Smith, MT; and Director at Large – Owen Torrance, IL.

-First Time Dorset Showman Brushes: Brushes with the CDC logo were handed out to any exhibitors showing for the first time at Louisville.

-2023-2024 Officer Election: The new officers for the 2023-2024 year are: President – Brea Knittel, Vice President – Madelyn Syme and Secretary/Treasurer – Owen Torrance.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 AM on Sunday November 12, 2023.

**Respectfully submitted,
Madelyn Syme, NJDA Secretary/Treasurer**