



2025 MSP Annual Conference meeting agenda
3804 Bald Hill Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65101
Lincoln University's Carver Farm
Jefferson City, MO
November 22, 2025

Attendance was 80 members and guests. Board presents was Cord Jenkins, Deb Minish, Mac Finley, Taylor Kemp, Dan Rhoades, Larry Henneke and Britton Francis.

Cord Jenkins called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

- I. Welcome to any new members-Cord greeting all new members.
- II. Secretary's Report-Christy Green provided copies of the Aug executive board meeting and read aloud to all in attendance the minutes from the November 2024 General meeting. **Mac Finley made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Larry Henneke seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed.**
Christy went through the year end review which was provided in print at the meeting as well and explained a couple of events.
 - A. [Minutes from August board meeting](#) and November 2024 meeting
 - B. Minutes are now posted on the website
 - C. Year End Report of Events attended/represented at
- III. Treasurer's Report-Deb Minish provided printed copies of the expense report as of November 1. There currently is a balance of \$27, 910 but there have been some checks written and received since this report. A question was asked if Missouri Sheep Producers had received the check for the 2025 Midwest Stud Ram sale? Deb said, "No, but it has been late November when we have gotten it in the past." The question was asked how much has the Midwest Stud Ram check been in the past? Deb answered \$8000-15000. Deb explained where the money to support MSP comes from and how we might need to look into cutting the budget in February to make this a sustainable organization.
Scott Kaden made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as provided and Mac Finley seconded the motion. No more discussion was held. Motion passed.
 - A. [Year End](#)
- IV. New Business
 - A. Voting for Board Members - Ballots were passed out to members and only one per membership. Cord asked all nominees in attendance to stand and tell a little bit about themselves and their experience in the sheep industry. Those present were Cord Jenkins, Deb Minish, Taylor Kemp, Amy Schaefer and Lane Falch. Members then voted and ballots were counted by Larry Henneke and Britton Francis. The results are:
 - President: Cord Jenkins
 - Vice President: Becca Roberts
 - Treasurer: Deb Minish
 - District 1: Travis Ellis
 - District 3: Taylor Kemp
 - District 5: Andy Graves

At-Large: Lane Falch and Mac Finley

- B. ASI Director Certification-Cord let the membership know that Kevin Minish has been nominated as the ASI Director for the annual conference and that there needs to be a vote to accept this nomination. Amy Schaefer made a motion to appoint Kevin Minish as the ASI Director for the 2026 annual meeting and Carl Rosenkoetter seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
 - 1. Kevin Minish
- C. Funding Requests-Due by December 1, 2025-Cord encouraged anyone wanting funding for upcoming events in the 2026 year to get funding requests turned in by December 1.
 - 1. [Form](#) can be obtained on the website, www.missourisheepproducers.com
- D. Newsletter Information
 - 1. Speak with Christy if you want to help supply articles
 - 2. Due by Jan 1, April 1, July 1, Oct 1
- E. Missouri Stud Ram Sale Update-Dan Rhoades gave a brief history about the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and Missouri Sheep Producers relationship. The sale goes back to before the 1940's. Larry Mead took over in the 1950-1960's and created MSP to get 1% of gross commission. In 2014 Larry retired from running the sale and Heartland took over. Since COVID, the way sheep are marketed has changed. Heartland was fired this summer and Willoughby Livestock will be taking over for 2026. MSP/MSMC put on a BBQ in 2025 and it was very well received and they would like for it to occur again in 2026. Dan said that he understands the 1% from the June 2025 sale has not been received but is still hopeful that MSP will get it. It should be around \$8500. There will still be an online platform like there has been for several years.
- F. AI Dates with Mizzou - See flyer-Cord showed the flyer and told the information that was on the flyers. Several questions were asked about the event such as will rams be collected, who is the money going to and does RSG have experience with Icelandic sheep? All questions are being forwarded to Cari Green who is responsible for the event.



MIZZOU SHEEP FARM & MISSOURI SHEEP PRODUCERS

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION DAYS

WITH RSG

Information:

- **Location:** Mizzou Sheep Farm
 - 5051 E Sugar Grove Rd Columbia, MO.
- **Tentative Dates**
 - Early/Mid July
 - Mid September
- **Cost**
 - Rates Released by RSG
 - \$10/head Farm Fee



<https://forms.office.com/r/p1LhjdWx40>

Register using link or QR Code
Questions? Contact Cari Green:
caroline.green@missouri.edu

- G. Contact information-All members were urged to check their contact information on the website and let Christy know if it wasn't correct so she can get it updated properly.
- H. Future Board Meeting-February 7, 2026

At 12:29 pm Larry Henneke made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mark Adams seconded the motion.
Motion passed.



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In attendance: Cord Jenkins, Deb Minish, Mac Finley, Becca Roberts, Taylor Kemp, Dan Rhoades, Larry Henneke, Harold Eckler, Lane, Falch, Kevin Minish and Elizabeth Kiefer via phone. At 3:19 pm Cord called the Executive Board meeting to order.

Executive Board

I. New Business

- A. Secretary's Report-The August board minutes were provided in print to the board during the general meeting. Harold Eckler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Becca Roberts seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer Discussion for Budget-Deb reiterated to the board that in February they were going to need to reevaluate some of the spending in order to maintain sustainability. She suggested that maybe we request the scholarship money from the MSMC to help keep that program going.
- C. Starter Flock Grants-All board members had been emailed the seven starter flock applications that had been sent in. The board voted by secret ballot and selected were Sabrina, Synder, Mackenzie Lauer and Emmalee Scott. Christy will be making contact with the awardee and those not selected to let them know of the results.
- D. Midwest Stud Ram -Dan Rhoades spoke a little more about what had taken place with the Midwest Stud Ram sale and how all information on the website and social media site were lost before they could get the information. He is hopeful they will be able to get it back but it is being requested that Missouri Sheep Producers be the domain owners for the website and any social

media site so that this doesn't happen again. The websites and social media output will be done by a specialist at Willoughby Livestock. Cord gave a positive message about MSP supporting the sale and what it means to Missouri Sheep Producers and Missouri Agricultural as well. The date is the same as it was last year but with a tighter turnaround. **Larry Henneke made a motion that Missouri Sheep Producers will fund the Midwest Stud Ram Sale website and social media sites and Harold Eckler seconded. Mac Finley asked how we are financially? It was stated that the money received from the sale would help to support this expense. Motion passed.**

- E. Field Day Discussion-Discussion was about the need to have the field day in the north west corner of the state or possibly down in the south west. Several producers were suggested and Cord Jenkins will be making phone calls to those individuals to see who is willing and when we might be able to possibly have it.
- F. Upcoming Events to be present at:
 - 1. Missouri Livestock Symposium - December 5 and 6 in Kirksville, MO-There has been a change in the dates to December 11 and 12. Christy will not be able to attend now so Kevin Minish will be going on behalf of MSP.
 - 2. Missouri Sheep Producers FFA speech contest - December 7 at Lake of Ozarks-Discussion was had about changing the state speech contest to during the annual conference and possibly moving conference to accommodate more people and more opportunities.
 - 3. **MANDATORY**-Budget meeting-February 7, 2026 - 11:45 am to 3:30 pm in Columbia at MU Animal Science Research Center - Cord urged everyone to meet at Angelo's at noon to have lunch with the MSMC board and then we will reconvene to ASRC for our budget meeting.
- G. Missouri State Fair Cooking Contest-Larry Henneke updated the board about the progress made in having a BBQ contest the first Sunday of the State Fair by the sheep pavilion. There would be a junior and open division with the preparation of three different dishes: a burger, chop and 4lb leg. It was suggested that we might talk with the MU Meat department, Bryan Wiegand, to see if they could help with the meat. Discussion was had about prizes but no decisions were made but figure it should cost MSP about \$2500 but it will be a request to MSMC. **Larry Henneke made a motion to pursue the BBQ cookoff at Missouri State Fair. Mac Finley second the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.**

At 4:25 pm Britton Francis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Taylor Kemp seconded the motion. Motion passed.