

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 1998 at 4:00 p.m.

The first Annual Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Nelson, with 17 people in attendance.

The Financial Report was reported by Secretary, Bonnie Davis. We presently have a balance of \$279.95. Ron Luginbuhl made a motion to raise the transfer fee to \$5.00 under 60 days and \$10.00 over 60 days effective the first of August. Gary TeStroete seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was suggested that all members send their membership dues directly to Bonnie Davis in order to omit the processing fee of \$2.00 that Karey charges.

Karey Claghorn then gave her report. She said that getting a copy of the certificate for sire and dam is very helpful, but not necessary. She has started to get some cross-breeds as of June. It was suggested that she go to different colors of registration papers for different percentages and even possibly for ram papers and ewe papers. Everyone felt that she was doing a good job and thanked her for her work.

Bonnie Davis then gave the Secretary's Report. We presently have 30 members. It was also reported that we have many inquiries each week that need a response. There is definitely an interest out there in our breed. She also stated that if anyone wants to help on any articles or other newsletter work that it would be helpful. Bonnie was thanked also for the work she has been doing.

The By-Laws was the next item of business. The following were the motions made in regard to the By-Laws:

- Paul Nelson moved to delete the membership sentence, "Any application could be disqualified by the Board of Directors". Ardis Anderson seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried.
- Paul Nelson moved to delete the whole member paragraph, "Members will be dropped for non-payment of dues/failure to return signed application. Membership applications available

upon request. Any application could be disqualified by the Board of Directors". Ardis Anderson seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried.

- Paul Nelson moved to delete the phrase under Director meetings, "made directly to the Secretary". Ardis Anderson seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried.
- Paul Nelson moved to delete the phrase under Membership meetings, "and all members" in the sentence "A special meeting of the members will be called by the Board of Directors or by not less than fifteen members presenting a signed petition to the Secretary and all members" and to add the phrase "of the meeting" after "Notice of date, time and location will be given twenty days in advance". Betty Rosenau seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried.
- Paul Nelson moved to add to the Pedigrees paragraph, "or tattoo" to the sentence "Papers will list: owner tag number;". Velsie Vest seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried.

The purebred issue was discussed regarding country to country. The association discussed that they would not dictate how you register your sheep. If you want to go by name of sheep that is fine, but would not be a mandatory requirement for the association to do.

Paul Nelson then made a motion to approve the By-Laws with the changes made and with Gary Onan putting them in final format. Gary TeStroete seconded the motion. The motion was discussed and the motion then carried.

Old Business:

The Director's terms was the first item of Old Business. Charles Wray requested that he be on the one-year term. Paul Nelson and Jim Davis then requested the two-year terms. Andy Wells and Ron Luginbuhl will then be on three-year terms. Any elections following will be for three-year terms. An application or nomination for director will be sent out in the fall with the election being held the first of the year.

Dues will expire on January 1 of each year. A renewal notice will be mailed out so that all members are aware of when dues are owed.

New Business:

Advertising Committee - This committee needs to work on listings in new magazines. The Small Farm Journal was an example. It was also noted that free advertising is to write an article and put in magazines. Magazines are always wanting a filler for some space.

Velsie Vest brought up that she is wanting the number of head of Texels that people are raising. She wants to begin a show in Texas and she needs this information.

We then asked for three volunteers to be on the Advertising Committee. They are as follows:

Paul Nelson

Gary TeStroete

Velsie Vest

The Advertising Committee could also use "cute" pictures that would catch the eye in the ads. When children are in the picture it seems to draw attention. Anyone coming up with these pictures can mail them to Gary TeStroete.

Sale Committee - The Sale Committee needs to decide where next year's sale will be. The directors have looked into several possibilities and the Sale Committee needs to sort some of these options out. Since this meeting was held prior to the sale, it could not be discussed how well this years sale went. People did bring up their displeasure at having to spend so many days at the sale.

We then asked for three volunteers to be on the Sale Committee. They are as follows:

Jim Davis

Gordon Niswender

Paul Nelson

Sale location will be decided by the Sale Committee.

Budget was the next item of new business. There is none that is needed. We will continue to spend within our boundaries.

The dues will remain the same at \$25.00 for one year. They will expire on December 31, 1998. A notice will be mailed out at the end of November letting all members know when dues are owing.

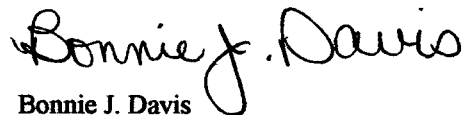
Junior Association - A Junior Association is a thought for the future. It was encouraged that we all help out the youth who want to get started and in the long run they will help out our association. It can be used as a great way to advertise our Texel breed. Kathy Bounds and Betty Rosenau will look into this.

Ron Erdman will be attending the World Sheep Congress in California in July. He is going to set up a Texel booth that is going to cost him \$350.00 for rental. It was decided that we would take a donation to help cover his expense of the booth. What the donations do not come up with the association will cover to pay him \$350.00. The association thanked him for doing this.

It was brought up that our association could use an "education display board" that could be set up at sales and various other events. It seems that individuals would like to purchase some type of display items that could be set up at local events. This was tabled as an idea to think about and possibly the advertising committee could be looking into this.

With there being no other items of business, Jim Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Jody Niswender seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie J. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "D".

Bonnie J. Davis