

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS
ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2012
SEDALIA, MISSOURI

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 pm, cdt, by President Bret Taylor.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bret & Donna Taylor
Eugene & Niki Fisher
Fred Hemmerly

Charles & Deborah Wray
Ron & Amy Wilcox
Ron Erdman

GUESTS

Gary Onan

George Wherry

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Woods had forwarded the Treasurer's Report to Niki before the meeting and Niki had passed these out to those present. As of May 31, 2012, the TSBS had an ending balance of \$4015.15. All had time to read the report and there were no additions or corrections. Charlie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Fred Seconded the motion. Treasurer's Report accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Niki passed out the Secretary's Report from the 2011 Annual Meeting to all present. After reading this, there were no corrections or addition needed to the minutes. Charlie made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as written. Niki seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business that needed to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Results

The ballots had been counted and compiled by Mikeal Parker, CPA, Homedale, ID. Twenty-two ballots had been received. Six of these were spoiled - the directions for submitting the ballots had not been followed.

The breakdown of the voting was as follows:

Charlie Wray - 15 votes

Karin Watson - 16 votes

Don Heller - 15 votes

Bob Adams and Jeff Arnold each received 1 write-in vote.

Fred suggested asking Bob or Jeff to fill the 1-year position at the next regular meeting in July. Charlie said that the TSBS Board of Directors was not committed to asking either of the write-in

candidates and another TSBS member could also be asked to fill the 1-year position.

Photo Contest

The Critics Choice winner, with photo number 4, Charles and Deborah Wray.

The Breeders Choice winner, with photo number 15, Fred and Tammy Hemmerly.

A \$100.00 prize for each category had been sponsored by Dan & Kristin Pike of Breslau Farms, Dover, PA and will be awarded to the winners.

Web-site

Bret committed favorably on the new web-site. He feels it is easier to access and utilize. All feedback on the new web-site would be appreciated.

Membership Directory

Bret is hoping to speak with Karey Claghorn tomorrow and see if there is not some way to simplify getting the updates on the Membership Directory to the one responsible for keeping the Membership Directory current. He will report back to the BOD's at the July meeting.

2013 Suggestions

Send a copy of the Judge's Scorecard to Larry Mead to be forwarded onto the prospective Texel judge at the National Show.

Also ask Larry if he would be willing to send the information to be a consignor at the National Show to the entire TSBS Membership Directory. Lisa Marquette had said that this was the first year that they had received this information.

Have a schedule of events posted on the TSBS web-site as well as sent to the Membership at the beginning of the new year. This way, those who have never attended the National Show will know what to expect if they decided to attend for the first time.

Open Discussion

YouTube: Maybe someone with the how-to knowledge would be willing to film some of the National Show and post it on YouTube. That would have the potential to reach a very large audience that might like to know what a Texel sheep looks like in person.

Welcome Letter

When sending out the Welcome letter to a new member, also enclosing a copy of the Breed Standards and Judge's Scorecard might be a good thing to send along. These things would possibly be of help to someone new to the Texel Breed.

Bret said that USMARC is starting a new research project and will be looking for Texel rams in the near future.

Fred stated that the Pennsylvania Evaluation Center might be a good place to hold an Eastern Texel Show if this was something that breeders might be interested in doing in the future.

Something to Think About

Mr. Wherry, who raises Texel, Texel-influenced lambs for an ethic market said that a grass-fed ewe that can maintain her condition on grass is a valuable animal and the backbone of anyone's flock. If rams are scanned, he maintains that they should be tested coming off of grass/minerals and water without grain being a factor in the tests.

As there was no further discussion, Fred made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Niki seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm, cdt.