

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2013

The first meeting of 2013 was called to order at 7:03 pm, cst, by President Charlie Wray.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Wray, Fred Hemmerly, Bill Woods, Niki Fisher, Karin Watson, and Brent Adams. Don Heller was absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill had emailed the Board the Treasurer's report. All had read the report and there were no corrections noted. Fred moved to accept the report as submitted. Niki seconded the motion, Treasurer's Report accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Niki had also emailed the Secretary's Report. There were no corrections needed. Niki moved to accept the report as written. Fred seconded the motion. The Secretary's Report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

*Membership Renewals*

As of January 7, 2013, one third of the TSBS Membership had paid their yearly dues.

The Registrar's office will be sending out reminders the end of January. Charlie will compose a letter that will reiterate that members whose dues are not received will be removed from the TSBS website and unable to register animals until they are once again in good standing.

Charlie asked if the BOD would like a copy of the monthly Membership Directory updates and the response was yes. This will be done.

*Discount for Ads*

If the TSBS commits to a years' running of ads in both the *sheep!* And SHEPHERD magazines will give a 10% discount on the ads. This discount applies to any number and size of ads placed.

*Display Board*

Tom and Karin Watson are planning on attending the ASI convention in Texas and had asked about shipping the TSBS display board down to be set up there. After speaking with the ASI people, Karin discovered there is a \$500.00 charge to have the display there. This cost plus the shipping costs make it cost prohibitive to have the display there.

ASI had also contacted Charlie to propose the TSBS being an ASI partner for the Convention. There again, the cost associated with this was not cost efficient, so Charlie declined their offer.

NEW BUSINESS

*Request for sponsorship*

Niki had received literature requesting that the TSBS sponsor the American Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control at Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia. The money could go towards research and/or towards their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference coming up in May. After some discussion, it was agreed that the TSBS monies could be better spent in other areas.

*Online Registrations*

Currently there is not a way to register animals on the TSBS website. Amanda Wray, the TSBS webmaster, has been working on this and has proposed two options.

#1-To have Gravity Forms set this up so that the members that want to register animals online, can do it with minimal trouble and the Payment page would remain the same as it is now. There would be a \$39.00 per year charge for this service.

#2-There is a PDF form that the member would fill out; save as a PDF; and then email to the Registrar's office as an attachment. Then they would have to go to the website to the Payment page to pay for the registrations. This is a free service.

The consensus was to pay the \$39.00 per year and have the easier of the two options available for

membership use. Karin made a motion to accept option #1; and, Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### *TSBS Display to Maryland Sheep & Wool Breed Promotion*

Laura Dixon, a Texel breeder from Orbisonia, PA, had contacted Niki about things that the TSBS might have that she could take and have on display there. There are the brochures and display board, which is in Iowa at Bret Taylor's.

Niki will contact Laura to see if there are any charges, other than shipping, that would be required to have the display board there.

Fred moved to go forward with this for an approximate \$200.00 to pay for shipping from Bret's residence in Iowa to Laura's in Pennsylvania and back to Bret's. If there should be charges above this, then the display stays put. Brent seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Something to think about. Re-designing the display to make it more compact, lighter and easier to move from place to place.

#### *Ad Creator*

Walt Stubbs, the current Ad Creator would like to retire from this job so a replacement is needed. Karin suggested having Kristin Pike advertise this in the next issue of the TEXEL TIMES and perhaps there is someone in the TSBS Membership that would love to take this over.

Deborah Wray would be willing to serve temporarily as the ad creator until the newsletter goes out and someone comes forward to fill the position.

#### *Ads-Which and When*

After some discussion it was decided that we would continue with the way things have been-that being-1/6 page ads in each issue of *sheep!* And SHEPHERD during the year. Also a twice yearly ad in the ASI-one in April and the second in August of each year. Fred made a motion to do this and Karin seconded the motion.

A co-op ad that is open to any Member that wishes to participate will be ran twice a year. In the March/April and July/August issues of *sheep!* And in the March and August issues of the SHEPHERD. Niki made a motion to have 2 yearly co-op ads in *sheep!* And SHEPHERD magazines. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### *Photo Contest*

It is thought that having a Second Annual Texel Sheep Breeders Photo Contest would be a good idea. This year, the prize monies would come directly from the TSBS Treasury. If someone would also like to be a private sponsor, those monies would go to the TSBS Treasury to be paid out from there.

The winners will be announced during the National Texel Show in Sedalia, MO in June. A mailing will also be sent out to the Membership announcing the winning photos at that time also. In addition, the winners will be announced in the TEXEL TIMES.

Niki will contact JoLee Marquette to see if she would be willing to be the "Keeper of the Photos" again this year. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline for photos and June 5<sup>th</sup> the deadline for voting.

Karin made a motion to have the Photo Contest; the TSBS to award \$50.00 for each category winner that will be announced during the National Show. Niki seconded the motion. The motion passes.

#### *Board Elections*

Two Board of Directors seats will be coming up for a vote this year. Bill Woods and Brent Adams terms are up and will need filling.

#### *Sedalia*

Be thinking about who would like to be the Show and/or Sale Chairman for the show.

Scanner-Charlie had emailed Gary Onan to see if he would be available and agreeable to do scanning again this year. The payment would be \$300.00 and 1 night's motel room. Gary said that he would do this. Niki moves to ask Gary to do the scanning for the reimbursement mentioned. Brent seconded the motion. Motions passed.

Speaker-Niki suggested that Tom Watson from Hermiston, Oregon would make a good speaker. Karin will speak with Tom about this and get back to the Board.

On-line Auction-There were no complaints this year concerning how the on-line auction went.

Ribbons-Charlie had spoken with Bret Taylor, as Bret had taken care of ordering the ribbons in the past. And Bret said that he would be willing to take care of this and the TSBS will reimburse Bret for the cost of the ribbons. In the past, the ribbons have cost about \$300.00.

*Open Discussion*

Niki was concerned about how to send out mailings that was the most cost effective, especially when more than one thing needed to be presented to the Membership. Karin suggested using different colored paper and that way several things could be addressed at one time and not be lumped together in one letter. Sounds great.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 7 pm, cdt

There was no further discussion. Niki moved to adjourn the meeting. Karin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm, cst

*Respectively Submitted By;*

*Niki Fisher*

*TSBS Secretary*