

JULY 15, 2013 TSBS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES

President Charlie Wray called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, cdt.

Members Present: Charlie Wray, Niki Fisher, Brent Adams, Don Heller, Fred Hemmerly and Jay Schwirian. Karin Watson and Bill Woods were unable to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT: All the Board Members except Don and Jay had received copies of the Treasurer's Report at the Annual Meeting on June 24, 2013. Niki will forward the report to Don and Jay. Charlie reported that as of June 1, 2013, the TSBS Treasury showed a balance of \$3413.00. PayPal showed a balance of \$1620.00. As no corrections were noted, Don moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and Brent seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Niki had emailed a copy of the Secretary's Report to all the Board Members. Everyone had had time to read it over. No corrections were noted. Fred moved to accept the minutes as written. Don seconded the motion. The Secretary's Report was accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President: Fred nominated Brent Adams for President. Niki nominated Charlie Wray. No other nominations were forthcoming. By roll call the votes were as follows: Brent Adams 1 vote. Charlie Wray 3 votes. Charlie abstained from the voting.

Charlie Wray will continue as the TSBS President.

Secretary: Fred nominated Niki Fisher as Secretary. No other nomination were noted. Brent moved to close the nominations. The vote was unanimous, Niki will be the TSBS Secretary.

Vice President: Fred nominated Don Heller. There were no other nominations. Niki moved to close the nominations. The ayes have it, Don Heller is the TSBS Vice President.

Treasurer: Fred nominated Brent Adams-Brent declines the nomination. Niki nominated Fred Hemmerly-Fred declines the nomination. Due to the fact that neither were willing to be the Treasurer, and Don was willing forego the VP position and take the Treasurer position instead, Fred amended his motion for VP and nominated Brent Adams for Vice President with Don Heller seconding. The vote was unanimous. Brent Adams is the new Vice President.

Charlie nominated Don Heller for Treasurer and Fred seconded it. The vote was unanimous. Don Heller is the new TSBS Treasurer.

The TSBS Vice President is Brent Adams and the TSBS Treasurer is Don Heller.

Jay Schwirian from Monongahela, PA is the newest TSBS Director.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) New Ad Possibilities: Don had spoken with 2 people about creating new ads for the TSBS. Since the last meeting, one of these had moved and the other is not able to do this.

The current ads are looking good, so there really isn't a need for someone to take over creating new ads at this time.

Fred was wondering about the new co-op ad. Walt had emailed a copy to Charlie and Niki-so Niki will forward this on to the rest of the Board to see.

The Board had voted to have a larger ad placed in the ASI publication twice a year and it is time to do this again. The deadline to have it run in the August edition has passed, so we will have it placed in the September edition. A note is made to have it run in the August edition in 2014.

- 2) New TSBS Display

Karin had emailed photos of a display that she had seen in San Angelo, TX. It appears to be an attractive display that will fold down to briefcase size for easy moving. Karin had not included the cost for this, so we will table this until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Tail Docks

The Judges Score card says, "Dock should be at the distal end of the caudal fold, and measure approximately 1 1/2 " minimum on adult breeding stock."

Charlie says the length of tail is an animal welfare issue. Too short of a dock leads to muscle weakness that can cause prolapse problem and other health issues. Texels aren't classified as a show animal-they are a terminal sire breed used in the production aspect of the sheep industry and thus a need for more of a tail to help insure breeding success.

How can we police this within the Membership and /or at the National Show?

We can bring it up before the Membership and amend the Breed Standards.
Let it be breeders preference and let the public decide.

Fred says that at the National Show, the tail length should be a liftable dock. This would keep the docks from becoming too short as in the club lambs. A liftable tail protects the animals' health and should be short enough to satisfy the private consumer.

After some discussion it was decided to table this until a later meeting.

2) OPP

The TSBS has worked hard over the years to promote Texel sheep as being OPP (-) and would like to keep this a standard for all Texel sheep breeders to strive for withing their private flocks.

The rules for the National Show state that all sheep that will be shown and sold need to have an OPP test done within 30 days of the show. Lambs 6 months an younger need to have the testing done on their dams as OPP doesn't normally show up in a lamb that young.

This year, at the National Show, a consignor had had the OPP testing done on the young lambs but not on their dams. Charlie spoke with Larry Mead, and Larry said that he would back-up any rules that the TSBS had for National Show entries.

Fred said that the OPP testing is an important measure to reassure any potential buyers that these animals are health when they get to the show and should be enforced.

Don made a motion to enforce the OPP rules, as they are written, for any animals participating at the National Show. Failure to have the proper testing done will result in that animal being disqualified. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3) DVAuction

Lilly LeVeque from Montana had trouble with the online bidding. She said that there was a considerable time lapse and it was hard to keep track of what animal was being sold and where the bid was. Fred suggested that Niki contact Lilly and see what kind of internet access she has and whether or not this might play into the problem. Niki will do this.

4) Member Dinners

In the past, the TSBS has footed the bill for 1 member dinner per family for those attending the Annual Banquet. This is about \$10.00 per meal. Charlie is wondering if this is something that the TSBS wants to continue doing or not? After some discussion it was agreed that the TSBS will no longer do this. Niki moves to quit paying for 1 member dinner per family at the Annual Meeting. Don seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5) National Show Judge

Larry Mead had contacted Niki as to whether-or-not anyone had paid the Junior Show Judge at the National Junior Show. Since we did not know we needed to do this, Niki said that it was fine for Larry to deduct the \$50.00 from the amount that the TSBS receives from the National Sale proceeds.

Charlie said that Gary Onan is willing to judge the National Junior Show and he wouldn't charge for doing it. Niki will pass this on to Larry.

6) Monies sent to Treasurer

If money is received by the Treasurer to pay a member's annual dues, the Treasurer should forward them onto the Registrar's Office so that she can credit their account for the upcoming year.

7) Photo Contest

The 2013 winners of the TSBS Photo Contest were: Leslie Roden, New Tazewell, TN - Breeders Choice and

Niki Fisher, Indian Valley, ID - Critics Choice.

A \$50.00 prize will be awarded to each. Fisher's will donate their winnings back to the TSBS.

8) Open Discussion

Don was wondering why the National Sale results aren't posted on the MidWest Stud Ram website yet. Brent said that you can see them at www.sheepsales.com. Don tried that and said that the prices aren't there. Will just have to wait until Larry has them posted.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7 pm, cdt.

Don made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Niki seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm, cdt.

Respectively submitted by,
Niki Fisher
TSBS Secretary