

TSBS Board of Directors Meeting
11-12-14

Call to order at 6:59 PM Central Time

MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE: Charlie Wray, Leslie Roden, Brent Adams, Don Heller, Jay Schwirian, Judy St. Leger, Rachael Gately.

Treasurer's Report: Judy moved to accept, Jay seconds. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Don. Seconded by Brent. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Pay Pal: Incorrect names were buried in our own web site. Webmaster has corrected our problem. Funds are now being transferred correctly. There are still problems with Registrar, but they are working through it. Don will explain the pay pal system to Leslie so she will be able to handle Pay Pal issues also.

IRS Tax Problem: We had not filed a tax return for the period prior to Don being the Treasurer. Don arranged to have an accountant to file the return. This cost \$350.00. We will be able file the tax return with a post card in the future. May of 2014 is already filed.

Breed Standard: Rachael and Leslie agree that the breed standard, as stated, is well done, however the weights are a bit heavy. Rachael compared the weights of the sheep entered in the National Sale in Sedalia 2014. Rams average 170-220 pounds, and Ewes averaged 140-160 pounds. Producers may be reluctant to enter the Show and Sale if the weights are kept as listed. Don suggested we keep the high range the same and lower low end. Motion to change the range average for Rams to 170-250 and Ewes from 140-200. Judy seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Leslie will have the information changed on the web site.

OPP: There was a question if the wording on the OPP rule should be changed concerning who draws the blood. After discussion, Don moved we leave the working as is until after the 2015 sale. Seconded by Leslie. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Web site Changes: Reviewed Leslie's suggestion for a show win page as noted in a previous email to members. Judy made a motion to establish a "Show Highlights" page without screening photos, where members can post win photos of Texel at shows. Rachael seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Contacting the membership via Email vrs USPS. It is fine with the Board to contact our membership via email instead of USPS. The exception will be that elections will still be conducted via USPS and members who have no email address will be contacted via USPS.

NSIP: Don has contacted Reid Redden to see if he will speak in Sedalia. Mr. Redden has not gotten back to Don yet.

Board of Director Communication Via Email: Discussion between the Board of Directors where decision making is being done will not allowed.

Registrar Liaison: Leslie Roden has resigned the Registrar Liaison and Charlie Wray will be the new Registrar Liaison.

Brochures: Per Leslie, we are very low on Brochures. Additionally, Leslie noted that we should have the brochures on the web page so members will have the ability to print themselves. Leslie also suggested a banner be loaded to the web site that members can take to a printer so they can have their own banner if wanted. Lastly, Leslie suggested that we charge members for the brochures at our cost and charge members for shipping as a policy. Leslie will contact a printer to get an estimate on reprinting of the brochures, creating a banner, and having a PDF of the brochures put on the web site. She will report to the Board at our next meeting.

Membership List problems: Keeping an accurate membership list continues to be a challenge with old compute programs and new personnel at the registrar's office. The board will continue to revisit how smoothly the transition progresses. Concerning the annual membership renewal reminder notices, last year the registrar handled this. They sent self-addressed stamped envelopes with membership renewal forms to the membership for an additional cost. Charlie will contact them to see if they will do this again and what the cost will be. Leslie suggested that the secretary email the membership reminders in addition to the USPS mailing.

Sedalia show: Niki has agreed to check sellers in. There will be no show chair, everyone will just pitch in. Gary Onan is willing to scan again for a fee of \$300.00 and one night room rent. Don motioned to have Gary scan with the same funding. Leslie Second. Motion passed unanimously. Charlie will contact hotel for room block conference room also. Per their request, Charlie has already mailed the OPP and Tail docking rule to Heartland. They have requested our input on Judges. Charlie told them we have no preferences, we only request that judges familiarize themselves with our Breed Standard/Judges Scorecard as posted on the TSBS web site. None of the Board members had Judge suggestions.

Leslie made a motion to have the fee for registering 50% ewes \$6.00 regardless of age. Judy seconded. Motion failed 5-1. Jay was not present.

ASI Industry Partner Request: The cost is \$300.00 to \$900.00: We have three ads with them already in the amount of estimated \$1500.00. We are already supporting them. No action taken.

Bob Adams suggested that we send Kreg Leymaster and appreciation plaque. Charlie suggested we have Bob Handle it. Don suggested maybe a cup. Brent will contact Bob. Brent, motion that we award Kreg a plaque or personalized cup valued at \$50.00 or less. Leslie Seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Brent will contact Bob Adams to ask him to acquire the award.

Purpose and mission of TSBS: All board members should read the bylaws and we will discuss it at the next meeting. Question posed by Charlie: Do we want to change our purposes or goals?

Virginia Tec: A report from Judy: Scott Greiner of Virginia Tec has been doing a sheep study. He noticed the Texels he was using had incredible parasite resistance. His observations have been going on for about 2-3 years, but this has not been his primary project. He will be undertaking a parasite resistance study in Texels. He might be someone who would make a good speaker for the Sedalia show.

Myostatin gene: Discussion. A Homozygous genotype is preferable. Kreg Leymaster had done some research on the myostatin Gene in Texels. Charlie suggested we look at Portland Prairie web site for additional articles on the subject. I will talk to Amanda about referencing these on the TSBS web site.

Set meeting for January 14th 6:30 central time.

Motion to adjourn at 9:48 PM Central time by Judy, second by Don. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.