

A TSBS Board of Directors Board meeting was held via teleconference on January 13, 2005. The meeting was brought to order at 4:12 pm PST. In attendance were Bob Adams, Kerry Richardson, Bev Pearsall, Rob Morris and Aynn Lackey. A Quorum was established.

The Secretary and Treasurers report was presented by Secretary Aynn Lackey. With no changes or omissions the Minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting were accepted by the Board. Kerry moved to accept Rob seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote. The Treasures report was presented by Secretary Aynn Lackey. The Paypal and the TSBS checking account were reviewed and with no other discussion the report was accepted. Bev made the motion to accept and Kerry seconded with a unanimous vote the Treasurers report was approved.

Business then moved to the Committee Reports. The Breed Standard Committee business was discussed and a scorecard was thought to be a good direction to go in. Kerry was going to work on this issue with Ron Erdman and prepare some options for the next Board meeting.

The Business and Office Committee which is chaired by Aynn was reviewed and she reported that all is working smoothly. It was reviewed that all website submissions would need to come thru the TSBS office and be compiled for submission to our web manager.

TSBS Bylaw Review Committee business was presented by Bev. She submitted some new ideas on the procedures for membership voting. All ideas on this subject are to be submitted to Don Thomas the Chairman of this Committee for further review. Bev will report back any new bylaw structuring ideas that this committee comes up with.

Commercial Producer Relationships Committee business was discussed by Bob. During this report the subject of NSIP was brought up. Aynn reported that Julie Korkow had been in contact with Dave Notter of Virginia Tech. Aynn summarized the conditions in which the NSIP program would need agreement/support from TSBS in order for our membership to participate in the program. These conditions were; \$500.00 from the Society to join the program; A coordinator from the TSBS office to compile data from participating producers, and an in house billing system. Aynn also reported that each member that wanted to submit data would be charged a \$1.50/hd to do so. It was also reported by Aynn that the program will now accept loineye data and will use it in the flock data processing. The Board did not want at this time, to support the program monetarily but would support the idea of TSBS members participating. Any further comments or ideas need to be submitted to Bob Adams.

Genetic Improvement and the International Relationships Committee was discussed next and Bob informed the Board that he asked Ron Erdman to look into any available Grants while attending the ASI Convention in Arizona. He also shared with the Board that the Mexican border maybe opening to breeding stock transport as early as February 06.

Marketing and Promotions; The website was reviewed and a homepage redesign with sponsorship advertising was discussed. This idea has been reviewed in the past but would be a good topic to include in the membership newsletter to gauge the interest of TSBS members in buying ad space. A year end magazine was discussed by Bob and the feeling from the Board was that is was a good place to start. Everyone agreed that the Society needs new promotional print material. Bob asked all of the Board of Directors to submit to Aynn an article to be included in the magazine on their farm and experiences with Texels.

Membership was briefly discussed and we currently have 81 senior members and 11 junior members.

National Show & Sale Committee business was presented by Rob. He has secured the loineye scanner again this year for the cost of \$150.00. Rob is looking into dinner options and will report back at the next call. Rob also discussed the idea of a “ Best of Breed” award and will look into how other breed associations handle this award. Aynn informed everyone on the new show and sale that is being managed by Banner Sales Mgmt. This show is scheduled for July 14th and 15th in Greely Colorado. Anyone that would like to attend this event should contact Banner to be included in the mailing list for consignors.

Regional Texel Group Committee business was presented by Aynn. She reported that the Western Texel Sheep Producers are up and running. They have published a newsletter and have setup a website www.westerntexels.com Aynn brought up the need for all of the regional clubs to have use of the TSBS Federal Tax ID number in setting up their checking accounts. The Board agreed on this conditional use by the sanctioned clubs. And it was reviewed that all of the sanctioned clubs would be required to submit an accounting report annually to the TSBS Board of Directors.

New Business

Bob reviewed the letter from Robert Stonerock regarding the genetic eye disorder. The Board agreed that this disease has not been observed in any of the US Texel flocks that the Board is aware of. Therefore they agreed testing is not a concern at this time. If at a later time this disease does pose a health concern to US Texel sheep the Board is open to review its position.

Before closing the meeting Bob tentatively scheduled the next meeting for the end of February.

With no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm PST

These minutes are submitted by Aynn Lackey, January 17th 2006.