

TSBS Annual Meeting Minutes June 20, 2003

The annual meeting of the Texel Sheep Breeders Society was called to order at 4:50 PM on June 20, 2003 at Springfield, IL by President, Andy Wells. Twenty-two people were in attendance.

Introductions of all attendees was made. Minutes of the June 21, 2003 annual meeting were read by the secretary. Tammy Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes. Aynn Lackey seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

The financial report was provided by Julie Korkow. It was reported that we presently have a balance of \$2,469.39 in checking and \$250.00 in a Paypal account. This gives us a total of \$\$2,719.39. At the present time there were some outstanding bills for promotional items that had not been paid. Korkow also reported that income from memberships and registrations is up from previous years. During the previous year, there had been a operating deficit of over \$2,000 but to date this year, TSBS is still operating in the black and has not hit the peak time for registrations to be submitted. Tammy Weaver moved to approve the financial report. Aynn Lackey seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Karey Claghorn did not come to give a report. She did talk with Andy Wells prior to the meeting date and stated that there were no problems. Andy also provided an update on the revision of the registration forms. They have been revised to eliminate the need for completion fo the pedigree information on grandsire and granddam. This has made the page shrink down to letter size paper and it will soon be available online. Registrations should still be sent to Karey Claghorns office in Iowa and membership forms to Secretary, Julie Korkow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advertising—Aynn Lackey, Chairperson

Aynn reported that we are utilizing advertising in Sheep, Shepherd, and many state newsletters. Aynn also was responsible for getting a display board for use at the national sale and other promotional events. This has now been secured.

Show/Sale—Aynn Lackey, Interim Chairperson

Aynn reported that all activities with the show/sale for this year were pretty much complete. Numbers were down slightly but this was

expected due to the new health requirements set forth. It was also suggested that we get a committee to organize and set forth the junior show activities for next year. Julie Korkow and Tammy Weaver volunteered. Aynn also reported on the establishment of regional events and whether TSBS would consider more participation in them and still be able to adequately support a national show and sale.

Website—Julie Korkow

Julie reported that the website is having over a 1,000 visitors per month. Those who do have websites are receiving calls and requests from their advertising. Jerry Hess stated he felt it was an excellent source of advertising for himself and the cost was more reasonable than print advertising and allowed more flexibility in the presentation of information. Korkow reported that we can now accept credit cards for membership payments via Paypal, an online payment service. Other updates will include the online registration form, a division for industry or health news and acceptance of credit cards for promotional items.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andy Wells brought up that a bylaw review may be in order. He asked the membership as to whether criteria about the junior show should be included in the bylaws. Korkow suggested that she felt it was not necessary to include that in the bylaws but necessary to develop rules, entry forms, classes, etc. for the event. It was decided that she and Tammy Weaver would include this in their committee activities.

Andy also brought up a change that he felt may be needed regarding directors terms. At present, the bylaws restrict a person from serving more than two consecutive terms unless it is due to the replacement during an unfinished term of another director or is a term from the initial organization of TSBS. Further discussion of the bylaws ensued and several other issues were brought out. It was suggested a committee be developed to review the bylaws & draft changes to be sent out for review by 8/1/03. JT Korkow moved and Aynn Lackey seconded that a committee be formed to review the bylaws with Velsie Vest as chairperson. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The sale location for next year was discussed. There was sentiment that the membership wanted to see the sale moved to Sedalia, MO. A show of hands indicated nearly a majority of those in attendance would support

the sale if held at Sedalia. No problems were noted with the present location and the facilities are excellent. The main reason noted for wanting the change was to increase the possibility of encouraging more buyers to be at the sale and Sedalia is generally regarded as the largest sheep event of the year. It was moved by Dave Albert and seconded by Velsie Vest to approach the sale committee at Sedalia regarding the inclusion of Texel sheep in Sedalia again. Motion passed. Dave Albert was appointed to head the sale committee and will report back to the board as soon as possible about the possibility of this change.

The health requirements were discussed for the sale next year. General discussion indicated that the health requirements set forth were too vague (mainly referring to OPP testing). It was the intent of the board of directors to encourage all Texel breeders and particularly consignors to educate themselves in regard to OPP, scrapie program requirements, DNA testing, and health requirements necessary to be able to transport sheep to other states outside Illinois. It was felt that presenting an animal with a strong health certification would add value to the overall breed since at this time some breeds suffer from not having that reputation. Julie Korkow moved and Jerry Hess seconded a motion to have the sale committee review and develop a health certification set of criteria for next year's sale. This was to be reported back at the next directors meeting for further discussion and possible action.

Julie Korkow requested that the board allow for payment to the secretary/treasurer for at least reimbursement of her expenses which typically average \$65/mth. Discussion was held and it was suggested to compensate her also for time spent on this task as well. Jerry Hess moved to compensate her in the amount of \$100/mth. Steve Auker seconded the motion and motion was passed.

Other new business included announcements of regional events to be held at the Montana State Fair and also Indiana State Fair.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie E. Korkow

People in attendance at the annual meeting June 20, 2003:

Wells, Andy—South Dakota
Davis, Harold—Illinois
Davis, Bonnie—Illinois
Hess, Jerome—Kansas
Hess, Lila—Kansas
Lackey, Aynn—Oregon
Vest, Velsie—Texas
Richardson, Kerry—Illinois
Thomas, Don—Indiana
Albert, David —Pennsylvania
Adams, Bob—Indiana
Adams, Betsy—Indiana
Richardson, Kerry B.—Illinois
Erdman, Ron—Illinois
Weaver, Dave—Michigan
Weaver, Tammy—Michigan
Pearsall, Bev—Maryland
Auker, Steve—Pennsylvania
Auker, Dan—Pennsylvania
Gevin, Milo—Pennsylvania
Korkow, Julie—Montana
Korkow, JT—Montana