

Texel Sheep Breeders Society Conference Call Minutes March 20, 2008

Kerry Richardson declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM CST
Secretary Robert Stonerock called the roll with the following present: President: Kerry Richardson, Secretary: Robert Stonerock, Treasurer: Beverly Pearsall, Directors: Nikki Fisher, Walter Stubbs and Ron Erdman. Vice President Bret Taylor was excused from the meeting due to a work related conflict.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Robert Stonerock reported the following:

Balance as of Dec. 20, 2007 at Peoples Bank, Milo, Iowa.....	\$2,333.32
Deposits made by Karey Claghorn for the period (Oct. 18-Dec. 19, 2007.....	\$1399.00
Deposits made by Robert Stonerock for the period (Oct. 18-Dec. 19, 2007,.....	\$225.00
*Pay Pal transfers.....	\$0.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS.....	\$3,957.32

TOTAL EXPENSES\$889.58

Peoples Bank checking account balance.....*\$2,929.83

Pay Pal account balance.....\$173.68

Cash Balance as of December 20, 2007 \$3,103.51

*Checking account balance is \$357.65 more than what is reflected in the checkbook register.

Beverly Pearsall moved to accept and file the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Walter Stubbs. Motion passed. Treasurer’s report accepted and approved.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Robert Stonerock distributed the minutes from the December 20, 2007 conference call through an earlier e-mail distribution. One revision was made. Beverly Pearsall moved to accept and file the revised minutes. Seconded by Walter Stubbs. Motion passed. The minutes are accepted and filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TSBS TAX RETURN:

Kerry Richardson updated the board on the tax preparation by CPA Trena Grabowski. He helped her to identify TSBS’s sources of income. The filing is ready to be sent to the IRS.

TSBS ADS:

Walter Stubbs gave an update on his research into placing an ad in the FFA Magazine. He said that the cost of an ad in the FFA magazine is very expensive and not cost effective.

NATIONAL TEXEL SHOW, SALE AND ANNUAL MEETING:

Robert Stonerock informed the board that Dr Kreg Leymaster has accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker. He has been allotted one hour for his presentation and for questions. Robert will call Best Western to set up the banquet. Robert asked about a gift for Dr Leymaster who has worked with the Texel breed ever since they were imported by USMARC. Walter Stubbs suggested a wool blanket that the Illinois Sheep Producers make and sell.

Kerry Richardson said that Bret Taylor is working on the ribbons for the show. Kerry had passed around in earlier e-mails a sculpture made from a photograph of last years show. He is working on getting these for the show.

Kerry said that the weigh-in will be without blankets. Measurements will be taken of each sheep and put on a spreadsheet like last year. He has already contacted Carol Wise (TSBS Webmaster) to get the data on the web site as soon as possible for the buyers to see what is available.

Robert Stonerock called Larry Mead's office to confirm the show and sale dates. The show is Monday, June 23rd and the sale is June 25th.

Kerry called for an executive session of the board to meet at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, June 24th. Meeting place TBA.

TEXEL TIMES:

Walter Stubbs will publish a one page issue of the Texel Times devoted to: The National Texel Show & Sale, Board of Director's nominations, and 2008 membership dues.

NEW TEXEL BROCHURE:

Robert Stonerock reported that the new brochure was nearly completed. One TSBS member suggested the following: 1) It still needed a photo of Texel sired commercial lambs rather than a photo of another Texel ram. 2) Some of the photos needed the date removed from the lower right corner of the photo. 3) Use a commercial printer to "Jazz up" the brochure. The first two ideas were accepted but the third may not be cost effective. As soon as the first two tasks were completed, the new brochure would be ready for distribution. Walter Stubbs moved to accept the new brochure. Seconded by Beverly Pearsall. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

REGISTRATIONS & WORK ORDERS:

Walter Stubbs moved that only members of the Texel Sheep Breeders Society could use the services of the TSBS registrar. Seconded by Ron Erdman. This topic was debated heavily due to a loophole in the registrar's work fee schedule. Previously, a non-member could transfer pedigrees at the same price as a member. Motion passed. Kerry Richardson will notify Karey Claghorn's office of this change.

REGISTRATIONS OF TEXELS WITH BLACK SPOTS:

Kerry received a call from a member concerning the use of a registered ram who had a black spot larger than a quarter in his wool. It was the consensus of the board that the

ram could be registered but not shown. In the show ring, the ram would likely be disqualified.

IMPORTING & EXPORTING:

Board members had recently received a solicitation from a UK Texel breeder offering semen. Beverly Pearsall had contacted US authorities to find out if semen could be imported from the UK. Sheep semen from the UK still cannot be legally imported.

Kerry Richardson was contacted recently about selling Texel breeding stock and exporting them to Mexico. Only terminal animals are permitted to be exported to Mexico at this time. No other board member had been contacted about exporting to Mexico.

EXTENSION OF THE MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE IN SEDALIA:

Robert Stonerock moved that TSBS extend their commitment to the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Missouri to 2010. Seconded by Walter Stubbs. This was debated and the feeling was that this sale was much better than the Springfield, Illinois sale. If TSBS left this sale for another, it would be extremely difficult to come back to Sedalia later. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Robert Stonerock: Yes. Niki Fisher: Yes, Ron Erdman: Yes, Beverly Pearsall: Yes, and Kerry Richardson: Yes. The TSBS participation in the Midwest Stud Ram Sale is extended to 2010.

ADS FOR THE NATIONAL SHOW & SALE:

Robert Stonerock moved that ads be placed in the Sheep! and The Shepherd magazines about the National Texel Show and Sale. Seconded by Walter Stubbs. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS BY REGION:

Board seats by regions: Kerry gave a brief overview of how we could regionalize the board seats to match the membership base of the country. This would be done by making three or four regions. The board moved to table the discussion at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is April 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM CST.

Walter Stubbs moved to adjourn the meeting. Beverly Pearsall seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. CST

Respectively submitted,

Robert A. Stonerock
Secretary