

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS
NOVEMBER 1, 2011
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm, cdt, by President Bret Taylor.

Members present: Bret Taylor, Niki Fisher, Fred Hemmerly, and Bill Woods. David Green was not present. Charlie Wray had let Niki know earlier that he would not be able to attend this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

There was not Treasurer's Report as Bill has been working out of town and has not been home to have access to this.

Secretary's Report

Niki had emailed her report to all Board Members before the meeting. Everyone had read the minutes prior to the meeting and there were no changes needed. Fred made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Niki seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

Confirmation of New Board Member

Since Kerry Richardson withdrew his position as a Board Member during the summer, Karin Watson from Hermiston, Oregon had been approached to fill in for the rest of the 2011-2012 and she said that she would do this. Fred made a motion to accept Karin to fill in for the rest of this term. Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed. Welcome aboard Karin!

OLD BUSINESS

Bret had spoken with Larry Mead about the possibility of having the lot numbers on the sides of the lambs' when they go through the sale ring at the National Show and Sale. Larry will be thinking about a way to do this that does not use paint as it smudges and makes a mess.

Bret also told Larry that two of our potential buyers had expressed disappointment that there was a delay in the online auction and they could not always be sure that the animal on the screen was the one they were wanting to bid on. Larry will also talk with DVAuction to see if this can be resolved for future sales.

In the spring, Bret will be in touch with Larry and see how these things are going.

Web-Master—Fred wanted to know how much we are currently spending per year with our current web-master. Bill said that we pay \$580.00 per year right now.

Niki will contact Amanda Wray and get her proposal emailed to the Board Members so that we will know exactly what the costs will be should we decide to switch web-masters. Niki will also ask Amanda about adding photos to the Membership Directory on PDF at the initial set-up and then updating them at a future date.

Photo Contest—The details of the photo contest will be tabled until the proposed web-master changes are decided on.

New Member Letter-- Charlie had sent in some suggested changes to the original New Member Letter that David Green had composed. Everyone had read both and thought that the changes that Charlie proposed did not take anything away from the original draft. Fred moved to accept the New Member Letter with the suggested changes and Niki seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Registrar—Fred had spoken with other sheep breeders that are familiar with sheep registry proceedings and it may not be as easy to switch Registrars as it might appear.

Bill says that we are currently locked in with the current Registrar for the next 18 months. Fred asked if Bill would get a copy of our contract for the entire Board to look over so we know exactly what it says. This will be tabled until the next meeting on November 15, 2011.

Bret had spoken with Elisha at the Registrars Office about us not being able to get the New Member information that we need to keep the Membership Directory up-to-date and to be able to send out renewal notices at the beginning of the year. Elisha says that she forwards the information, but somewhere along the way it gets lost, because we aren't getting it.

NEW BUSINESS

Registrations—Hemmerly's wanted to know whether or not their son needed to be a TSBS Member under his own name since he is past the age of 18 in order to be able to register sheep even tho his sheep stay at Fred and Tammy's Silvara Valley Farm.

After much discussion, the consensus was that, yes, once a Junior Member exceeds the age of 18, in order to continue registering sheep, they need to become Senior Members in their own right.

Not only would this help avoid confusion, but it also gives this new Senior Member the opportunity to vote at any time there is a need for the Membership to vote.

Potential Board of Directors

Jolee Marquette, of Marquette Farms, has asked if she would be able to run for the Board of Directors next spring. Her in-laws and their children come under the umbrella of Marquette Farms. Jolee's husband registers Texels through Marquette Farms. Since Jolee is his spouse and their sheep are legally as much hers as her husbands, she would be representing Marquette Farms.

This is addressed in the Texel Sheep Breeders Bi-Laws in SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP, Charter/Annual, which states, "This category includes **any members owning or representing an organization that owns Texel seep and resides in the USA**. Such members must pay annual dues and are entitled to vote on Society business and serve as directors, officers, or committee members. Each paid membership shall be allowed one vote in any matters regarding Society business. This includes elections of Board Members and Officers.

Niki will contact Jolee and let her know that she may submit a resume and run for Office next spring if she would like.

AD

It had be noted that the TSBS did not have a listing posted in the last issue of the AMERICAN SHEEP INDUSTRY publication. Niki had spoken with Walter Stubbs and he said that he had let the Board know that this was coming due. Some how this had been overlooked and, thus, the ad had been dropped. The cost of running an ad in the ASI publication is \$100.00 per year.

Niki made a motion to have the TSBS contact information put back in the ASI publication. Karin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Karin says that the annual American Sheep Industry Convention will be held in Scotsdale, AZ around January 23, 2012. She and Tom are planning to attend and would be more than willing to set up a Texel display for the time they are there. This would be a great way to spread the news as to how Texel sheep can add that extra muscle that many producers are looking for to their sheep. Niki will send Karin some Texel brochures that she can have out on the display for passers by to pick up and take.

Karin also said that, in July of 2012, the National Lamb Feeder School will be taking place. There will be a lot of different sheep things going on there. Karin will send this information to Kristin Pike to be added to an up-coming issue of the TEXEL TIMES.

The next meeting will be November 15, 2011 at 7 pm, cst. We will be discussing the proposed web-site move and up-coming photo contest more in depth then.

Niki made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm, cst.

Respectively Submitted By,
Niki Fisher
TSBS Secretary