

Texel Sheep Breeders Society Conference Call Minutes October 19, 2006

Kerry Richardson declared a quorum and called the meeting to order with the following present: President: Kerry Richardson, treasurer: Robert Stonerock, directors: Beverly Pearsall, Rob Morris Eugene Fisher and Ron Erdman. Vice president Brett Taylor was absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Stonerock reported the following:

- Deposits since September 21, 2006 of \$348.07
- Expenses since September 21, 2006 of \$ 728.35
- Balance as of October 19, 2006 is \$3,275.11

Beverly Pearsall moved to accept and file the treasurer's report. Seconded by Eugene Fisher. Motion passed. Treasurer's report accepted and approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Robert Stonerock read the minutes from the September 21st conference call. Ron Erdman moved to accept and file the minutes as read. Seconded by Beverly Pearsall. Motion passed. The minutes are approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Beverly Pearsall gave an update on the By-Laws Committee. The By-laws are ready for a referral to the membership at large for a vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

TSBS WEBSITE:

Website links to member's pages: Robert Stonerock moved to rescind the web site link charge for members' web pages. Beverly Pearsall seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The board members felt that it has been a free service for the membership and why charge the members now? Motion passed.

Breeders' mini-web page: Discussed a breeder's web page that other sheep breeds have on their web sites. It consists of one photograph and a summary about the farm, flock, ranch or shepherd. Kerry delegated Robert Stonerock to ask Carol Wise how many different breeders could be featured on one page? Carol charges a fee of \$100.00 to create and set up a web page. Need to determine if there is a maintenance fee for the web page? Also discussed a member of the month mini-web page. Kerry delegated Rob Morris to develop a questionnaire for someone that is selected for a member of the month or a premier breeder.

MAGAZINE ADVERTISEMENTS:

Discussed the status of the magazine advertisements. *Sheep!* magazine was paid \$46.00 recently for a one year ad. *ASI* was paid \$100.00 recently for a one year ad. Beverly Pearsall reported that our ad with the *Shepherd* magazine ends in December. It will cost \$45.00 with our web site address added. Kerry will gather more information about the *Banner's* rates and report back to the board.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

Robert Stonerock reported that the new articles of incorporation were mailed to Bret Taylor for his signature. Bret will mail the articles to the Iowa Secretary of State. An employee of the Iowa Secretary of State had viewed the draft of the articles and found no problems. Robert suggested that TSBS may not have lost the not for profit status since the old articles had not been canceled by the South Dakota Secretary of State. An accountant should be sought out by TSBS to insure that our organization is in good standing with the IRS. Kerry said that he would consult with Trena Grabowski regarding this.

BREED STANDARDS:

Ron Erdman discussed the breed standards. Discussed putting the breed standards on the web site.

TEXEL TIMES MEMBER RESPONSES:

Discussed the membership responses to the recent newsletter. A few members responded very positively to the newsletter. No negative comments were forwarded to the board.

NEW TEXEL BROCHURES:

Kerry delegated the following board members to the Texel Brochure committee: Robert Stonerock, Rob Morris, Beverly Pearsall, Eugene Fisher and Ron Erdman. Robert Stonerock will chair the committee and the new brochures have a deadline for completion of May 31, 2007.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES ON THE TSBS WEB PAGE:

Kerry asked if the membership had responded to TSBS's request for member updates on the membership list. Ron Erdman said that his e-mail address had been updated but not his telephone number. Robert Stonerock reported that not many had come forward so far to update their membership listing.

TEXEL MERCHANDISE:

Kerry said that following the vote tally for the shirts and hats, the following colors were selected: Ivy green for the polo shirts. Hats were white/navy, khaki/black, and pink/white. Kerry will have these made up and will have photos ready for the web site. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

TSBS DISPLAY:

Robert Stonerock had nothing more to update the board. He will research several office supply stores to see what is available.

PARTING GIFT FOR AYNN LACKEY & BOB ADAMS:

Eugene Fisher moved that TSBS purchase gifts for Aynn Lackey and Bob Adams for their service to TSBS. Rob Morris seconded the motion. Discussion was what kind of gift? Plaques or embroidered TSBS polo shirts were debated. Motion passed. Kerry will make arrangements for embroidered polo shirts for Aynn and Bob. The embroidery will include their years in office for TSBS.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPP SOCIETY:

Robert Stonerock moved that TSBS renew our membership with the OPP Concerned Sheep Breeders Society for not more than \$25.00/year. Seconded by Eugene

Fisher. Motion passed. Beverly Pearsall will find out what the membership dues would be for TSBS to join.

TSBS MEMBERSHIP NOTEBOOKS:

Robert Stonerock asked if TSBS should prepare notebooks like the ones that Aynn Lackey and Bob Adams had assembled last year for every member? TSBS recently had one new member. The consensus was “Yes, to prepare and update a new membership binder for each new member that joined TSBS. Kerry delegated to the Brochure Committee the task of updating the information for the notebook.

MEETING DATES: Conference calls are scheduled at 7:30 PM Central time for the following dates: November 16th and December 21st.

Ron Erdman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Beverly Pearsall. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM Central time.

Respectively submitted,

Robert A. Stonerock

Treasurer