

## **Texel Sheep Breeders Society Conference Call Minutes May 17, 2007**

Kerry Richardson declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM CST with the following present: President: Kerry Richardson, vice president: Bret Taylor, treasurer: Robert Stonerock, directors: Beverly Pearsall, Eugene Fisher, Ron Erdman and Rob Morris.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Robert Stonerock distributed the minutes from the April 19, 2007 conference call through an earlier e-mail distribution. Board had read the minutes and did not feel the need to have them read by the secretary. Eugene Fisher moved to accept and file the minutes. Seconded by Beverly Pearsall. Motion passed. The minutes are accepted and filed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Robert Stonerock reported the following:

- Beginning balance April 19, 2007: \$2,612.57
- Deposits since April 19, 2007: \$157.00
- Expenses since April 19, 2007: \$458.00
- \*Outstanding check that cleared: \$64.86
- Pay Pal account balance: \$1,553.92
- Cash Balance as of May 17, 2007: \$3,800.63

Only one bill for the Texel ad for the national show and sale had been received for the three magazines. Robert also brought the board's attention the strange e-mails from Premier Global concerning our monthly bills. He has brought this to the attention of Mike Cahoy both times and Premier Global apologized for their billing mistakes.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **SHOW COMMITTEE:**

Bret Taylor updated the board on the two banners that were ordered. The consensus was for the banner with the blue background. Bret said that he needed to know ASAP if there were any entries in the show for the Fall born lamb classes. Kerry said that he would contact Larry Mead to find out. Bret needs the information for the ribbon order.

Kerry has made arrangements with the Best Western Hotel for our Annual Membership Dinner. He has also coordinated with a guest speaker from DMI Computer who has a sheep software program. Kerry has also been in contact with Dave Notter who is a sheep researcher and he is trying to line him up as well for a short speaking session with the membership.

Ron Erdman gave an update on the separate web page that TSBS can use to post photos of our consigned Texels for the National Sale. The web site address is: [www.texelsatsedalialia.com](http://www.texelsatsedalialia.com) Kerry instructed Robert to give Carol Wise the link to put on our website.

**BROCHURE COMMITTEE:** Kerry purchased the same software that Robert has. He asked that Robert bring a memory stick to the Sedalia with the brochure information on it so that they could work on the brochure.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**WESTERN FRONTIER SHOW & SALE:** Kerry said that he had spoken with Greg Deacon. Greg will look to see if any entries for Texels had been entered. Eugene Fisher said that he had not heard if any Texel breeders had entered the show.

**NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS:** Kerry Richardson said that accountant Trena Grabowski has completed the tax-exempt status form and she is sending it out the IRS with a letter. TSBS falls into a Category 5, which is for corporations with an income of \$25,000.00 or less. She recommends that we file every year with the IRS. Her fees are \$200.00 to review our financial records and to file the correct form with the IRS. Kerry said that Trena needs our financial records from June 1, 2006-May 31, 2007. The records will be audited in Sedalia by an internal audit by the (yet to be appointed) finance committee. Kerry will then pick up the records and deliver them to Trena.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:** Robert Stonerock reported that there are four candidates for the three open board seats. The resumes of the candidates will be published in the next issue of the Texel Times. Ballots will be sent with the newsletter and must be returned 30 days prior to the annual membership meeting. Beverly asked if the one board seat that is being vacated by Rob Morris would be filled by this election or another election. Kerry replied "No, that it would be filled by appointment."

**NSIP AND LAMBPLAN:** Kerry has been in contact with Alanna Roberts of Lambplan. The cost is (Australian) \$360.00/3 years for the TSBS. Each breeder will pay (Australian) \$2.00/animal/ year for enrollment. (Kerry forwarded a Powerpoint presentation a few days before about Lambplan.) Each member that is enrolled will download some freeware software that they will use to enter their flock data on. They will e-mail this back to Lambplan. Lambplan does not want any paper mailed to them and prefer it to be sent through e-mail. Ron Erdman moved that TSBS join Lambplan. Rob Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kerry asked Robert to place the Powerpoint presentation on the TSBS website.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**JACKPOT STARTER FLOCK FOR YOUTH:** Continued the discussion about a starter flock and possible rules. Kerry appointed Ron Erdman as the chair of the Committee. He will call Karen Woods to see if she is interested in serving on the committee. Kerry will make more appointments to the committee. A report by this committee will be made to the membership at the annual meeting in June in Sedalia.

**LOINEYE SCANNING:** Discussed the shortage of loin eye scanners. Ron said that Gary Onan does loin eye scanning. Ron will contact Gary to see if he will scan Texel flocks out of his home state.

Kerry discussed his conversation recently with Bob Pastini of Washington state. He would like to scan Texel flocks and also at the National Show. He wanted TSBS to pay for his plane ticket, rental car, hotel room, meals and \$6.00/animal. He also uses used cooking oil from the restaurants. The board was not receptive to the expenses that TSBS would incur with this arrangement.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BANQUET:** Bret Taylor moved that we charge \$6.00/meal for adults and \$4.00/meal for children for the TSBS annual meeting and banquet. Seconded by Rob Morris. Motion passed.

**TSBS DISPLAY CASE:** Discussed the need for a display case to set up at the national show and other sheep events in the Midwest and the Eastern United States. Kerry said that the new display would cost between \$800-900.00. Ron Erdman moved that we order and pay for a new display. Seconded by Eugene Fisher. Motion passed.

**MYROSTATIN GENE IN TEXELS:** Kerry had forwarded an article taken from a scientific Journal about the myrostatin gene in Texel sheep. The article is extremely technical and is not written in "Layman's terms". It was the consensus of the board not to include it in the Texel Times but it was ok to give the web site address of where the membership could view the article if they chose to do so. A link to the web site with the article will be added to our TSBS web site.

**MEETING DATES:** The next meeting will be the annual membership meeting in Sedalia, MO on June 26, 2007 at 5:00PM. The location is the Best Western Hotel.

Bret Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ron Erdman. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

*Robert A. Stonerock*

*Treasurer*