

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS
ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2018

The 2018 Texel Annual Meeting was called to order by President James Oller.

Members and Guests Present

James & Erica Oller	Austin Brown	Becky Settlage
Tyler	Aaron Brown	Josh Wilson
Tristen	Rob Brown	Cooper Shaw
Clara	Trevor & Kara Kimzey	Triston Lind
Tom & Karin Watson	Devin Roff	Roy & Julia Bredder
Blake Campbell	Rachael Gately	Ron & Amy
Wilcox		
Joe Campbell	Don Heller	BreAnn Wilcox
Abby Motler	Steven Iles	Madison
Tracey Rice	Jennifer Boland	Gary Onan
Kelly Ann Rice	Bret & Donna Taylor	Eugene & Niki Fisher
Zaanan Bane	Kyran McInroy	Ivan Alvarez

TREASURER'S REPORT

The TSBS Treasurer, Mike Bokelman, was unable to attend this meeting and had emailed his report to James. Since the report contained 9 pages, James gave a verbal report. At the start of our fiscal year in June 2017, there was a balance of \$15,059.85 and as of this date, the balance is \$17,173.54.

Don made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and Bred seconded the motion. Treasurer's Report accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Niki had passed out copies of the Secretary's Report to all present. After having a chance to read this, Bret moved to accept the Secretary's Report as written and Ron seconded the motion. Secretary's Report accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Election Results

Rachael Gately and Michael Bokelman have gone off the Board this year and James reported that there had been 26 ballots cast in the voting with Austin Brown and Walter Threlfall becoming the newest TSBS Board of Directors Members. Congratulations to each of you.

Flock Book

The TSBS currently has an open flock registry that allows bred-up animals to work their way to Registered status. His question to those present was, "Is it time to close our Flock Books?" Bret asked what the current number of Members is, and James said that there are over 100. And that less than 1% of the total sheep registered were in this category.

Austin asked since this is the case, why bother closing the book and James replied to stop an inadvertent expression of the Callipyge gene into the Texel breed. Bret asked what the Callipyge gene is and Gary Onan replied that it is a mutant gene that shows heavy muscling, but the meat is inedible.

Tom Watson reported that Superior Farms, one of the largest lamb processing facilities in the U.S. will not take Callipyge lambs as there is no market for the extra tough meat.

Rob Brown shared that a closed Flock Book would help give the impression that the TSBS isn't desperate for members and is a credible breed association.

Karin Watson asked if this closure would also pertain to imported semen and James replied that no it would not. The importation of so many different Texel sire semen is what would help keep the genetics strong.

Bret asked that if this is something that the BOD continues with, that it be approved by the entire Membership.

By a show of hands, there were 50% for closing the books and 50% for leaving things the way they are.

TSBS Scholarship

Idea: funds would be set aside from the General Fund but would still be under the TSBS 501C3 status. Anyone wanting to donate to this fund would be given a tax deduction for their taxes. Any child of a Texel Sheep Breeder would be eligible to apply for a scholarship whether to a 4-year program or trade school.

Online Classifieds

When a Member submits a classified ad to be posted on the TSBS website, there is a day or so time delay on it showing up there. This has to do with security and safety, so patience is needed when posting an ad.

Committee Work

The BOD is working with the Membership fostering ideas and suggestions to keep the Texel breed in the public eye. James has setup a promotion and ad committee and these members are starting to get things rolling.

Other members are needed to help keep new ideas coming in and keep things fresh.

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Dr. Matthew Rolleston has the links to purchase Texel semen that has already been imported to the U.S. and semen being gathered for future importation

Patrea Pabst can also be contacted directly as she has imported several rams.

Regional Eastern Texels

There was strong interest in the sheep consigned to the Eastern Regional Texel Show & Sale. This past May, there were 8 sheep sold and the average was \$800.00. This is a show that will continue to grow and gain interest as people start seeing Texels in the "wool" so-to-speak.

Open Discussion

Bret gave a hearty THANK YOU to the Texel Board of Directors for all their hard work in the past year.

Karin Watson shared that the articles in the February 2018 issue of THE SHEPHERD magazine were outstanding

Since Austin Brown is no longer a Junior Texel Member, he is looking for a Junior to step up and take over submitting Junior Texel news to the various sheep publications.

Rob Brown committed that people aren't going to jump on purchasing Texel rams overnight, but breeders need to hang in there-they will come.

Niki Fisher and Karin Watson shared that there are Carcass Contests coming up in California and Oregon respectfully. These contests do a lot to show the merit of using a Texel ram as a terminal sire.

James reports that Virginia Tech has an all grass ram test that also does fecal egg count, weighing & average daily gains.

Austin says that there is a grain feed test held in Pennsylvania also.

These contests and tests are great tools to help solidify how Texel rams can add to a flock's performance.

Adjourn

As there was no further discussion James made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Don seconded the motion. Motion carries, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm, cdt.

Respectfully submitted by,
Niki Fisher
TSBS Secretary