

Texel Sheep Breeders Society
Board of Directors Meeting
April 4, 2019

Tonight's meeting was called to order by President James Oller at 7:02 edt.

Members Present: James Oller, Don Heller Niki fisher, Austin Brown and Harold Dunn. Brady Campbell had contacted James earlier to let him know he would not be able to attend this meeting. Walter Threlfall was absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Austin had previously sent the Treasurer's Report via email to all the Board. He explained he status on 2 checks that had not yet been issued but would be in the next day or two. Don moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and Harold seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Niki had also sent her report via email and after reviewing it, there were no changes to be made; James made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as submitted and Austin seconded the motion. Secretary's Report accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

National Show Scanner-James contacted Gary Onan and Gary will be able to scan the entries at the National Show. This will be scheduled for 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25th.

Austin says there is a person who has done quite a lot of beef scanning and some sheep, who would like to scan the Eastern Regional Texel entries in May. His name is Matthew Kasanicky and he would charge \$350.00 to scan 10-12 sheep.

James asked about the timing of being able to have the sheep scanned and the data processed in time for potential buyers to be able to see it. Austin says that Wednesday evening would be a good time to do the scanning and that way there is time to get it all together ready to print.

Don said that it would be nice to have another scanner who could scan at the National Show if Gary would be unable to be there.

James made a motion to allocate \$350.00 to have Mr. Kasanicky scan the Eastern Regional Texel entries. Niki seconded the motion. Austin will contact Mr. Kasanicky and arrange the scanning with him.

Texel Logo

Austin had sent a mock-up of a new Texel logo for review. It was suggested that we reach out to 2 or 3 other graphic designers so that we could have a variety of drafts from which to choose.

This will be tabled until a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

BANNER Photos-Niki had contacted the folks at the BANNER publication to see if they might have photos of past Champion and Reserve Champion ewes and rams that we could acquire to add to the TSBS website. Tiffany had replied that they do have photos in their archives and the cost would be \$10.00 per photo instead of the normal \$15.00 per photo charge. Niki made a motion to pay the BANNER the \$10.00 per photo of any photos they may have of the past Champions. Don seconded the motion. Motion carries. Niki will be in contact with the BANNER folks concerning this.

Callipyge Testing-Since it would be detrimental if the Callipyge gene was ever introduced into the Texel breed, there was some discussion concerning whether-or-not to have genetic testing required for all rams that are consigned to the Eastern Regional Texel Show and the National Texel Show?

James brought up the fact that in some parts of Texas, breeders (not Texel) are purposely breeding to Callipyge carrying rams so that the resulting lambs will have the extra muscling that helps them win the carcass contests.

After some discussion, it was decided that this is something that we, as a Society, need to be aware of and to stay on top of. It could also be a requirement to register Texel rams, since that is how the gene is passed onto offspring. However, if someone wanted to introduce this gene into an individual flock, they would do it regardless.

James states that he will put together a letter, with the information concerning the Callipyge gene, to send out to the Membership. This way, everyone will be aware of what a drastic affect this could have if introduced to the Texel breed.

Check-out Person-At the 2018 Annual Banquet, the question was raised as to whether-or-not it would be a good thing to have someone in charge of making sure that, after the sale, the sheep were picked up by the actual buyer. A couple times in the past, a buyer had loaded the wrong sheep into his trailer and off they went.

It was noted that it is super busy after the Texel sale concludes and it would not be an easy process to have someone checking out all the sheep since so many buyers converge on the pens at one time. The thought was that perhaps the sellers could stick around for a bit after the sale to help insure that all goes smoothly.

Ribbons & Awards-In the past, Bret Taylor has been taking care of ordering the ribbons/awards for the National Show. He would be happy if someone else would like to take over this job. Don suggested that we ask those attending the Annual Banquet if someone would want to step up and take over this job.

Annual Banquet-Instead of having a guest speaker for this year's Annual Banquet, it was suggested that we have a question and answer period. James says that it is possible to have this also live on YouTube so that those who cannot attend can send their questions in live.

This way, anyone who wants to tune in as well as those in attendance can join in the discussion. It would be a great way to clarify any concerns or answer questions directly from the Membership as a whole.

James is going to start working on this so that everything will be ready in time for the Annual Banquet.

Open Discussion-Don raised the question as to what would have to be done to make the Secretary's position independent of being an elected Board Member. This would help insure that things continue running smoothly when Board members rotate off the Board and new Board members come on. James will do some research to see if this is something that can be done without having to make Bi-Law changes.

Adjourn-As there was no further discussion, James moved to adjourn the meeting and Niki seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm, edt.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Niki Fisher
TSBS Secretary