

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, edt, by President Brady Campbell.

Members Present: Walter Threlfall, Brady Campbell, Niki Fisher, Ron Wilcox and Austin Brown. James and Don had let Brady know that they would not be able to attend.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Austin had sent his Treasurer's report via email to the Board Members. As of December 31, 2019 the Texel Association had a balance of \$21,202.75. Most of this comes from registrations.

Austin would like to have an outside Audit Committee to go over the financial statements to make sure that all is well and we are doing the things we need to do as a Society. Then, all years up to 2020 can be archived and 2020 will start a new financial spreadsheet.

Brady will contact accounting students that he knows and see if they would be interested in doing the audit.

Niki moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and Walt seconded the motion. Treasurer's Report accepted as submitted.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Niki had also sent her report via email. There was 1 correction needed and Niki will correct this. Walt made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report with the correction. Ron seconded the motion. Secretary's Report, with correction, accepted.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### **Selection Workshop**

Austin is putting together the specifics for a sheep Selection Workshop that will be presented to the Junior Members attending the National Texel Show and Sale in June. His rough draft includes having 3 Texel breeders explaining what they look for in their Texels, using the sheep they bring to Sedalia as examples. Pointing out the good as well as what areas they would like to see improve. He is also thinking of asking Tom Watson who was a lamb buyer for Superior before he retired. And then perhaps a livestock judge or two to give their perspective.

This could be done before the Juniors show and following up with a pizza party. Austin will be getting back with the Board as soon as he has confirmed who will be helping with this workshop.

##### **All American Junior Show**

There was some discussion concerning the type and number of classes that the Texel breed should participate in at the All American. Ron would like to include the group classes, as well as, specific gender/age classes. That would be a total of 13 classes our Juniors would be able to show in and would also give more exposure to the breed. There is also a market lamb class where a Texel wether or ewe, not being used for breeding purposes, could be shown.

Brady asked if it might be possible to have the Early spring lamb classes split into two age groups. January-February 15 lambs and February 16 and later lambs. Ron will check into this.

A \$50.00 per class sponsorship is also needed to cover the cost of Texel participation. Most breeds get this sponsorship from within their respective breeds. Thirteen classes plus the \$150.00 per breed cost to support the Overall Showman Award would bring the total to \$800.00. This sponsorship will be proposed to the Membership and if there is more support than the 13 sponsorships needed, a Youth Development Fund would be set up and those extra funds would include Futurity monies and any funds specifically targeted to youth. James said that he would set up a printout to send to the Members.

After Ron asks about splitting the early lamb class, he will get the information to Niki and she will forward it onto the Membership.

##### **Advertisement**

Austin spoke with COUNTRYSIDE magazine and by reducing the ad the Texels have in their publication to a size smaller, there is a savings of fifty percent. He still needs to talk with THE SHEPHERD people to see if their might be a way to cut the cost of the

ad in that publication. He would also like to speak with those at the KATAHDIN HERALD and see how they would respond to the Texels having an ad in their publication highlighting the advantages of using a Texel ram as a terminal sire.

An ad idea Austin has is to put together something that would have a great Texel photo in the center of the ad with profile photos of 4-6 month old Texel crossbred lambs, with age, weight, and what crossed with) showing the advantage of using a Texel sire.

This will be revisited in a future meeting.

#### **Rename Flock Costs?**

Jeff, from the Associated Registries, has received a request from a Texel member to rename their flock into a family farm name and leave off one of the names currently included in that original flock name.

After some discussion it was decided that 1) A written statement from those under the original farm name be submitted to the Registrar's office stating that all parties agree to the name change. And, 2) There would be a charge to record the new farm name. The original animals may retain the old name, but any offspring would then be registered in the new farm name.

#### **Open discussion**

There was no further discussion.

#### **Adjourn**

Ron moved to adjourn the meeting. Walt seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm, edt.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Niki Fisher  
Texel Sheep Breeders Secretary