

2024 Annual TSBS Meeting
June 11, 2024
Sedalia, MO
7:00 CST

Members Present:

Rick Martin, Cathy Martin, Riana Zeiher, Montana Zeiher, Ron Wilcox, Gunner Wilcox, Bret Taylor, Don Thomas, Rachael Gately, Avery Lindsey, Sarah Lindsey, Mark Lindsey, Brant Lindsey, Justin Slaydon, Amy Slaydon, Abigail Slaydon, Julianne Slaydon, Austin Brown, Theresa Crowley, Elizabeth Crowley, Cinda Baird, BJ Vickers, Clayton Vickers, Albert Nontje, Deb Wray, Charlie Wray, Jeremy Dabbs, Samantha Dabbs, Jena Dabbs, Britney Dabbs, Holly Dabbs, Troy Heath, Loren Heath, Larry Searles, Brenda Searles, Brody Searles.

Online Members Present:

Olivia Halbur, Ron Brown

The secretary report presented by Cinda Baird was read over by group, Troy Heath moved that the secretary report be approved and seconded by Cathy Martin, majority vote – secretary report passed as read.

The treasures report was presented by Clayton Vickers. Since taking the position, he has converted everything over to QuickBooks and had everything there for the members to review if desired. Theresa Crowley moved that the secretary report be approved, Troy Heath second the motion. All approved and treasurers report passed as read.

Ohio Showcase report: 14 head sold for an average price of \$1361.11. Ewes still presented a stronger presence than the rams. Measurements were taken and presented to the buyers

Photo Contest Winners: Holly Dabbs was the Winner in the Jr. Division. Senior Division – Teresa Crowley 1st, Austin Brown 2nd, Cinda Baird 3rd

Futurity Program: Rachael Gately presented her report on the futurity program. The points form and registration have been revised and are now available on the website. They have also established an email for just for the futurity program which is Texelfuturity@gmail.com. This will be used to report points for each Junior member within 14 days of the show. All monies collected goes into a jackpot which in turn goes back to the Juniors.

In 2023 there were 19 ewe lambs and 6 Yearling ewes nominated. 3 Junior members turned in points. The winners were;

Brent Lindsey 1st with his Pine Knob Farm ewe purchased at Ohio Showcase; Avery Lindsey 2nd with his Pine Knob Farm ewe purchased at Ohio Showcase ; Gunner Wilcox 3rd with his Briar Lane ewe purchased at Sedalia.

So far 4 have been nominated this year for the program at Ohio.

2024 Election: It was presented to the members that there were 2 vacant spots on the board and 2 interested parties. Discussion was held to have an election or just move to accept the two as the new board members. Amy Slaydon moved that we do not hold an election and accept Theresa Crowley and Clayton Vickers and the new board members. Bret Taylor second the motion. All approved and motion carried.

Judges Scorecard: We are looking at updating the judge's scorecard to offer at all shows for the judges who are unfamiliar with the Texel breed characteristics. It was asked if a committee should be formed to develop this but there was not any interest from the members. Board members Olivia Halbur and Cinda Baird will revise the scorecard in the coming months.

USDA Certification: We introduced the project of getting a USDA Certification for the Texel meat to help to sell our product. The Label was presented for all members to view, and Austin Brown delivered his input on the project and the support and suggestions that he has received from his fellow sheep contacts. It was announced that as of now, it can be a cross of at least 50% to bear the label of USDA Certified Texel Meat.

Houston Livestock Show: We announced that we found that we need 30 head of Texels consistently for 3 years to have our own class at the Houston Livestock Show.

North American Hill Sheep Show: This show was introduced to the members as an opportunity to showcase our Texels in a fun setting. The show will be held at the UP MI State Fairgrounds in September and have several well renowned judges from the UK.

NAILE:

Awards for the Junior Shows: It was suggested that we get sponsors for the awards we give the Juniors so that we can use our funds for additional awards. Right now, when we purchase the buckles, it is \$95 each. The junior shows we participate in is the All-American Jr. Show; Sedalia and NAILE. There are many other shows out there that have a Texel class such as the Freedom Fest Sheep Show. It was brought up that we should set a budget for awards so we know exactly how much can go out each year. It would go into an account as the silent auction and futurity programs and be allotted for only the youth programs. It was also suggested to set a budget for advertising. After discussion, Troy Heath moved that we set aside \$5000 for the Junior programs that would include purchasing of the awards. Justin Slaydon second the motion. All members present approved, and motion carried. Clayton Vickers will set up an account in Quick Books to hold those funds until needed.

Youth Involvement Committee: A committee will be formed to help get the word out to all the youth in hopes of increasing their membership numbers. Rachael Gately, Riana Zeiher, Sarah Lindsey and Ron Wilcox volunteered to be on the committee. They discussed prizes and getting sponsorships for this program. A google form will be created and placed on the website for those that are interested in sponsoring the program. Riana Zeiher will be the chair of the google forms and sponsorships and Ron Wilcox will assist.

A Grant program was brought up to help assist youth with building their flock. A \$500 stipend would be awarded to the winner of the grant to purchase stock from any Texel breeder. Rachael Gatley has agreed to put this program together.

New website: Austin Brown announced the new website is up and running. There are a few bugs to be worked out, but the issues are easily resolved. Memberships can be renewed through the website along with registration of animals. The Associated Registry can now download the entries so they can process them. Austin Brown announced that it is planned to also offer the pedigree on the website as other breeds do.

2025 Board Meeting: It was presented to the members present an option to move the meal / meeting to Thursday for a luncheon. After discussion, it was noted that Tuesday evening has the least conflicts, so it was decided to keep the meal / meeting on Tuesday evening. Location at Best Western, Dinner menu Bandana's and Gumbo.

Presentation of sheep at shows/sales: There has been a plea for all Texel Breeders bring more females to the sales. Individuals want to purchase ewes over rams.

Ron Wilcox called for a motion to adjourn the annual meeting. Austin Brown moved that we adjourn the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Texel Sheep Breeders Society. Brett Taylor second the motion. All approved and meeting was adjourned.