

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 20th, 2024

President Crystal Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 7:05 EDT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Crystal Retzlaff, Ron Wilcox, Clayton Vickers, Riana Zeiher, Olivia Halbur, Amy Slayton, Theresa Crowley, Cinda Baird.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Cinda Baird emailed the minutes from the last meeting to all Board Members to Review. Clayton Vickers moved that we accept the minutes as read, Olivia Halbur second the motion. All approved the minutes and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clayton Vickers emailed the treasurer's report from the last meeting to all Board Members to Review. Clayton did mention that we will need to go through a full year to get a good idea of our income so we will know on how to set a budget. The fee that was questioned at the last meeting was for Twilio, which is for mass emails to our members and has a monthly subscription of \$20 per month. This is required if it is over 100 emails sent (any less is free). A discussion was held as to how many times a year this was being used and if the Junior members needed to be sent these notifications. Cinda Baird will get an email count of regular members vs. junior members. Other items discussed from the treasurer's report;

\$ 700 retainer for Shortgrass for the website; Kentucky State Fair Board for NAILE; Monthly subscription for Quickbooks. Makes info easily accessible and transferrable; Scanning fees - \$1000 for Sedalia, \$600 for Ohio. Will the entry fees for Sedalia & Ohio cover this cost? \$11 per head for scanning. In order to have a dues fee increase it must be brought up at the annual meeting.

Amy Slayton moved that we accept the minutes as read, Ron Wilcox second the motion. All approved the minutes and motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

WEBSITE: The website is up and running. No report on getting buttons on for the Associated Registry so they can print the work orders to process.

With Austin Brown terming out from the BOD, the website will fall under the responsibility of the Vice President. Cinda Baird has offered to assist since she has been working with Shortgrass on the membership piece of the platform and knows how to navigate the site. It was also announced that our primary contact at the Associated Registry, Jeff, will be retiring effective 6/1/2024. Assumably there will be a transition period and Cinda Baird will make the call to get the new contact.

AJHSS: No updates to report before show 7/4 – 7/7. We are looking at getting sponsorships for next years show for the awards. In 2024 the awards were \$800

USDA CERTIFICATION: No updates to report

NAHSS - No updates to report – must contact to confirm booth area

2024 MIDWEST RAM SALE – Went well – sales were pretty average. It seemed as if the ram sales were down, but was following the every other year trend. 57 went through the ring for an average of \$1266 per head. Silent auction brought in \$825 . Amy Slaydon has some suggestions for next year but due to technical difficulties, we lost her audio and tabled her discussion until next meeting.

NAILE: The number requirement for the Jr show is that we must exhibit 25 head and the open show must exhibit 50 head. We had several suggestions sent to us for the TSBS to be more active at NAILE. One of the items is that TSBS is responsible for hiring a ring photographer for our shows at NAILE. This will need to be arranged ahead of time. Discussion was held on costs we would incur and the benefits. Several board members will be looking into what it would cost to hire a ring photographer.

DISPLAY BANNERS: The roll up / pop up display banners are being worked on. Crystal Retzlaff, Olivia Halbur and Riana Zeiher will be working on this to get better resolution on the pictures. These need to be ready for NAHSS in September.

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS HALL of FAME: Discussion was held on beginning a yearly award – to honor an individual(s) who has been instrumental in promoting the Texel breed. The Board felt that the award, such as a nice, engraved plaque and should be presented at the National Meeting in Sedalia. For 2025, the Board of Directors will select the individual. In 2026, we will call for nominations by our members. Olivia Halbur moved that we start this award in 2025 and open it for nominations by the members in 2026. Riana Zeiher seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

SPONSORSHIP LETTERS: We received two requests from other Associations to help sponsor their event. The Youth Sheep Expo and the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association. The amount published for the TSGRA for a Bronze level sponsorship is \$2500. The YSE is an undetermined amount. Clayton Vickers will be looking further into this.

ELECTIONS - The election was presented at the National Texel meeting explaining that there are 2 vacancies and 2 parties interested. All members voted and moved to not have an election since the 2 interested parties were running unopposed. Cinda Baird moved that we accept the member voting of not having an election and installing Clayton Vickers and Theresa Crowley as the new members of the TSBS Board of Directors. Olivia Halbur second that motion. All approved and motion carried.

DATE CHANGE FOR BANQUET: It was discussed at the National Texel Meeting if the members would like to change the date for the banquet to a Thursday at noon luncheon. It was decided by the members to keep the banquet on Tuesday night.

YEARLY ELECTION OF OFFICERS: After a brief discussion, Olivia Halbur moved that for 2025 – 2026; Crystal Retzlaff will remain as President, Ron Wilcox will be Vice President, Clayton Vickers will be Treasurer and Cinda Baird will be Secretary. Riana Zeiher second the motion. All approved and motion carried.

Next meeting will be held July 25th – 7 p.m. EDT. Clayton Vickers will start sending the ZOOM notifications out to the board members.

Clayton Vickers moved that we adjourn the meeting. Ron Wilcox Second the motion. All approved and motion passed. Crystal Retzlaff adjourned the meeting.