

BREEDERS SOCIETY

TEXEL SHEEP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 27, 2024

President Crystal Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. EDT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Crystal Retzlaff, Ron Wilcox, Clayton Vickers, Riana Zeiher, Olivia Halbur, and Cinda Baird

Secretary's report: Cinda Baird emailed the secretary's report to the board members for review. Olivia Halbur moved that we accept the minutes and Ron Wilcox second the motion. All approved and motion passed.

Treasurer report: Clayton Vickers emailed the report to the board members to review. Olivia Halbur moved that we accept the treasurers report and Riana Zeiher second the motion. All approved and motion passed.

COMMITTEE REORTS

The "Texel Enhanced" committee did not have a meeting in February. The committee is still working on the rules. Texel Enhanced will only be a Junior show and the animals will not be sold. Will work with Sedalia sale to get approval to have a class.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WEBSITE

The new Texel website is still being worked on. Clayton Vickers would like to set up a call with Teresa at Shortgrass to find out why it is not up and running and what is holding it up from going live. New members can be entered into the system but it seems the payment portion of the website is not operational yet.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal is on hold until we can get the website online. Members can still send the paper renewal in to the Associated Registry and then Cinda Baird can update the member as being paid in the new website.

UPDATED BROCHURES

The new brochures that had errors were reordered and received. No errors were found with this order.

THE SHEPHERD

TSBS has committed to produce content for the May issue of The Shepherd. Content deadline is April 15, 2024. We are still looking for pictures that will appear in the June

advertisement for TSBS. Notification will be sent out to all members to collect information and pictures to publish. All submissions will need to be sent to Cinda Baird.

ASI MAGAZINE

Kyle Partain sent the PDF of the pricing of advertising in the ASI Magazine and shared with the Board. Clayton Vickers moved that we advertise in the Breeders Directory for \$100 per year and a Service Ad for \$320 per year. Ron Wilcox second the motion. All approved. Cinda Baird will get with Kyle Partain and set it up and ask if they have staff to design the service ad.

NORTH AMERICAN HILLSHEEP SHOW (NAHSS)

There were no updates on the NAHSS. We discussed purchasing a portable banner that could be used at this event along with others. The cost for one is \$70. Ron Wilcox has discussed setting up a display and Crystal Retzlaff suggested portable banners that can be used at multiple events. Cinda Baird moved that we purchase a banner for promotional use at our events. Olivia Halbur seconded the motion. All approved. The design will be compatible with the brochure.

USDA TEXEL CERTIFICATION

Clayton Vickers reported that the certification process is now in a holding pattern as our first submission was denied. He received communication from the USDA asking the following;

Comment: 1. provide a complete label bearing all mandatory labeling features per 317.2. 2. provide breed supporting documentation: PROVIDE A DETAILED WRITTEN PROTOCOL EXPLAINING CONTROLS FOR ASSURING THE PHENOTYPE OR GENOTYPE FOR THE BREED, AND THE PRODUCT TRACING MECHANISM FROM TIME OF SLAUGHTER AND/OR FURTHER PROCESSING (E.G., SEGREGATION OF PRODUCT BEARING IDENTIFICATION STAMP OR BRAND, NOT "A"). THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED REGARDLESS WHETHER THE ANIMALS ARE A PURCHASED PRODUCT. IF PURCHASED, YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A LETTER FROM THE ORIGINAL SUPPLIER DESCRIBING THE VERIFICATION OF BREED AND EITHER A COPY OF THE APPROVED LABEL AND ESTABLISHMENT NUMBER OR APPROVAL NUMBER. • IN ADDITION YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE ANIMALS ARE SEGREGATED AND TRACED DURING PROCESSING THROUGH PACKAGING AND WHOLESALE OR RETAIL DISTRIBUTION. • THE AMS GLA SCHEDULE CAN ONLY BE USED FOR VERIFICATION WHEN YOU HAVE AN APPROVED AMS G-SCHEDULE AND LETTER ATTACHED TO YOUR LABEL APPLICATION FOR EVALUATION. (ANGUS)"

Austin Brown will write something up and try to get some input from his contacts he has through the sheep industry.

FUTURITY PROGRAM

Rachel Gately supplied a report for the 2023 futurity program. She also revamped the TSBS National Texel Ewe Futurity Program description and improved the nomination and point submission forms. Was sent to the board for review.
Ron Wilcox brought up for discussion that there was no payment for 2021 – 2022.
Cinda Baird will reach out to Brady Campbell to see if he has any records for these years.

ZOOM DISCUSSIONS

Olivia Halbur had brought to the table the possibility of having information sessions for those with questions on and about Texels. It was decided this would be a great winter/fall project and to table this discussion for the time being.

EASTREN REGIONAL TEXEL SHOW/SALE

Cinda Baird will send a email to all members reminding them of the upcoming show and that the deadline to register has been extended until the 30th. Cinda will also be contacting the Best Western State Fair Inn to book the banquet room and check on reserving a block of rooms for travelers.

We will be providing buckles for Grand and Reserve Champions. Clayton Vickers will order them – 4 buckles at \$100 each.

Riana Zeiher reported that she has promo items ready to promote and have a pop up online store to offer the items. These can be delivered to Sedalia if ordered in time.

TSBS SPRING NEWSLETTER

The Spring Newsletter will need to be sent out mid-April – the deadline for entries will be April 15th. All submissions can be sent to Cinda Baird who will forward them on to Theresa. Cinda will also send a reminder out to members who would like to submit an article.

AAJS TEXEL SHOW

Ron Wilcox gave a report on the 2024 AAJS in Michigan. For the 'Top Gun' Award, there will only be 1 buckle awarded per breed. This will be included in the Breed Sponsor Fee which is \$50 per class and \$150 for the buckle. Ron will receive the invoice on this and will forward to treasurer Clayton Vickers.

NEW BUSINESS

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO

Clayton Vickers announced that there will be a Texel Show at the Houston Livestock Show which is March 4th thru the 23rd, 2025.

Next meeting will be April 25th, 2024 at 7 p.m. EST

Ron Wilcox moved that we adjourn the meeting. Clayton Vickers second the motion. Crystal Retzlaff adjourned the meeting.