

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 29, 2025

President Crystal Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 7:01 EDT

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Cinda Baird emailed the minutes from the last meeting to all Board Members to review. Theresa Crowley moved that we accept the minutes as read, Ronald Wilcox second the motion. All approved the minutes and motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Theresa Crowley emailed the treasurer's report to all Board Members to review. Ronald Wilcox moved that we accept the report as read, Amy Slaydon second the motion. All approved the reports and motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OHIO SHOWCASE SALE:

There were a total of 18 entries at the Ohio Showcase Sale. 16 of the 18 entries sold for an average of \$1062.50 average. Only 3 rams were entered and one walked through. There was discussion as to making it a ewe only sale moving forward.

MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE:

Amy Salyton has made arrangements with Bandanas again this year and will also be making her Gumbo. She would appreciate any help to set up the banquet room beginning at 5:30:

Check in for the show will begin on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.; Wednesday we will begin the measuring at 8 a.m. The sales staff will be moving the scales in to the barn for us to use for the day. All members are encouraged to assist with the data recovery when you are not having your sheep measured / weighed. Dallas will also be there running the ultrasound station to scan for the loin eye.

FUTURITY:

Cinda Baird shared an award for the futurity winners. The board stated that they were only to get the cash award and no other plaque. Cinda Baird relayed this information to Rachael Gately, Futurity Director.

For the 2021 Futurity that was not paid out – The sale list from 2021 was recovered and those ewes dedicated to futurity have been identified as well as those purchasing them. Cinda Baird will compose a letter and email it out to those participants to see if they might still have their forms that they were to turn in for futurity points.

WEBSITE:

Since we are having so many issues with Shortgrass. It was presented that we ask at the Annual Meeting if there are any tech savvy members that would be interested in chairing a committee in looking for a company to replace our current website developer. It was mentioned that a company by the name of EDJE works with many sheep associations may be a good one to look into.

BOARD of DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS:

We had 4 members turn in their letters of intent to run for the 2 positions for the TSBS Board of Directors. Out of the 118 ballots that were sent out, 41 ballots were cast. The winners were Judy St. Leger and Braden Campbell. Their term will take effect with the June 19th meeting.

JUDGES SCORECARD:

Cinda Baird and Olivia Halbur have worked on the judges scorecard to present at the Annual Meeting. They expect some push back but we need to take a stance on breed standards much as the Katahdin have.

NEW BUSINESS

Texel Meat Certification Meeting:

A ZOOM meeting was held for those interested in marketing the Texel meat. We know what we want to do – it is if we have the numbers to do a web promotion. Better left at this time for individual breeders to pursue their local market.

We did find that Chef Nick Forrest does a lot of cooking with lamb and has offered to put on a presentation on cooking with lamb and showcasing Texel meat. This will be something to look into for next year and decide what location / venue we will host this presentation at. Possibly at the Midwest Ram Sale next year.

OHIO STATE FAIR BANNERS:

Cinda Baird announced that she had received an email in regards to sponsoring the award banners for the Ohio State Fair. Discussion was that we do not do this for other State Fairs and was not moved upon.

PRESENTATION AT ANNUAL MEETING:

Austin Brown has volunteered to give a presentation at the Annual Meeting on 'Tools for Genetic Advancement'. This will come at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Next meeting will be held June 19th – 7 p.m. EDT.

Olivia Halbur moved that we adjourn the meeting. Theresa Crowley Second the motion. All approved and motion passed. Crystal Retzlaff adjourned the meeting.

