Texel Sheep Breeders Society
Board of Director's Meeting
December 8, 2022
Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm EST

Meeting was called to order by President, Crystal Retzlaff at 7:05 EST. Members present were Brady Campbell, Austin Brown, Riana Martin, Amy Slaydon, Crystal Retzlaff, and Kara Kimzey.

A. First thing on the agenda was Jay Best and his unregistered sheep issue from a member that is not communicating back with him.
Brady commented that they were working with him to resolve this and checking into registery. Seems like some progress has been made

` B. Webpage update was next on agenda.
General comments were about updating website so Lana Kennedy could list members and delete members so that website was current, but would be a good thing to help her proofread and check on whether current or not.

C. Update paid membership was third on agenda.
Discussion continued about John DeRunk and his children's registrations. He claims he is not listed as paid member or his children.(Followup: Crystal has dug into it and John is a paid member and left a message with Lana to discuss adding his children as well to the directory.)

D. Announce new Board Members/Officers.
Congratulations for new Board Members, Amy Slaydon, Riana Martin and Kara Kimzey.
Also, the officer elections from September 29, 2022 meeting was the following results:
Crystal Retzlaff-President, Austin Brown-Vice President, Kara Kimzey-Secretary and Treasurer
According to current by-laws, these offices will be in effect for a three year term, however, changes to the bylaws are under-works to make the Secretary/Treasurer to be a non-term position.

E. Finish Bylaws.
Crystal was going to send out the latest version of Bylaws sent out last year. (Followup-Crystal has sent the latest she had from previous emails to the membership for input).

F. Connect with Walter to see if he wants to continue to be on the board and included in meetings.
Brady has made numerous attempts to communicate with him to no avail, we will continue to try. (Followup-Crystal had spoken to him and he still wants to be active with the board and we need to try to use the email of wrtdvm@gmail.com and to please call him if we start a meeting without him so he can join us. Also, this is the email to send Walter Zoom invites)

G. Crystal and Kara need to connect to get bank account changed over to the Bennington State Bank.
Brady moved to approve Crystal and Kara to be on the new account. Riana seconded and the motion was passed.

H. Texel Logo
The earlier votes showed that the option D for the logo was the preference. Riana is willing to see what we can do with the logo and send it to Lana.

I. Removing Jr. exhibitors from registration forms.
We need to work on this, but didn't come to any consensus at this meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Newsletter should come out in January and again in May. Try to get one put together by Jan 5, 2023 between Kara and Austin. Austin had some ideas and will try to help coordinate something to include with his research and other ideas.

Austin brought up the Facebook/Social Media avenues and making it more accessible to others to add input and how to regulate and manage the sites to make sure the content is applicable and appropriate. Suggested people were Victoria and/or Austin.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 CST by Kara, Brady seconded motion. Motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Kara Kimzey

The purpose of this special meeting was to nominate and elect officers for the next term. which is a three year term at the limit of two consecutive periods for a total of six total years in a row.

First we welcomed the new board members, Riana, Amy and Kara that were elected by membership in 2022.

Austin moved to open nominations, Riana seconded the motion.

Brady nominated Crystal for President. Crystal accepted and the board approved by majority vote.

Kara nominated Austin for Vice President. Austin accepted and the board approved by majority vote.

Crystal nominated Kara for Secretary and Treasurer. Kara accepted and the board approved by majority vote.

Amy made a motion to close nominations, Austin seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Kara agreed to send out officer duties to the new officers.

Open discussion:

Austin wants to dig into old research into Texels as far as considering the myostatin gene, the calipye gene and the influence on carcass quality.

There was more discussion about getting more testimonials about the breed and meat quality and flavor.

Austin asked about how to promote video's and social media. Brady said videos should be limited to 3 to 5 minutes to best capture people's attention. Riana said sometimes audio is as effective as a video sometimes.

Brady moved to adjourn, Riana seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 at 7:52 pm EST