

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm, edt, by President Brady Campbell.

Members Present: Brady Campbell, Don Heller, Niki Fisher, Walt Threlfall, Ron Wilcox, Austin joined the meeting late and James Oller was absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As Austin joined the meeting late, there wasn't a Treasurer's Report submitted for this meeting. At the next meeting, this month's report will be voted on.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

All the Board Members had received the report Niki had sent via email and as there were no corrections noted, Brady moved to accept the minutes as submitted and Walt seconded the motion. Report accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Outside Audit

Brady and Austin have everything ready for the outside audit. Brady will meet with Alex Branham within the next week to have this started. The audit should be finished by our next meeting.

Thiesen Designs

Thiesen Designs had sent Brady a sample t-shirt, which Brady displayed at the meeting using a video meeting program. He noted that when the size of the TSBS logo needs to be smaller, like on the front of a shirt, the sheep head is deleted and only the text is used. Other than that, Brady says the design is very clear and crisp and the detail is easily seen.

Niki will be in touch with Thiesen Designs and see if a representative would be able to join in at our April meeting and answer any questions that the Board may have on how we can best utilize their services.

Futurity

Brady presented an excel file that showed how all of the data from the Futurity works together. This presentation was very easy to follow and the data was readily available.

The question was raised as to whether or not a \$50.00 premium should be added to the monetary amount that this past year's participants will be receiving in hopes that other Juniors would be motivated to also show Futurity animals. Don pointed out that it would then be hard to withdraw the premium award as the program grows. Brady then suggested that a physical award, like an engraved duffle bag or backpack might be presented instead. This seemed to be a better idea that could be continued on over the years.

Walt asked how our Futurity payout compares with other breed associations? The reply was that some breeds pay out all of their Futurity money each year, leaving nothing in reserve. Brady says by paying out a certain percentage of the entry fees instead of draining the fund each year, when the time comes that we are able to set up a Scholarship program there will be a nice start for it.

The names, points and prizes for this year's winners will be presented in June at the Annual Banquet which will be held in Sedalia Missouri. Walt asked if there might also be a way to recognize those breeders who participated by designating ewes for the Futurity program. It was suggested that those breeders could also be announced at the Annual Banquet.

NEW BUSINESS

Covid-20 virus.

The TSBS needs to be aware that due to this virus, there may not be as many entries or bidders at both the Ohio Showcase or National Texel Show and Sale this year. Some ideas were shared: a Virtual Youth Show; judging on submitted private videos of the entries. This all will be tabled until the next meeting to see how the virus is affecting these shows.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Brady asked what the board thought of tonight's meeting being a video conference instead of over-the-phone. Except for some audio disturbances, everyone thought this was a step forward and held a lot of possibilities as we further utilized it.

Niki had spoken with James earlier in the month and he is willing to furnish lamb for the Annual Banquet this year.

ADJOURN

As there was no further discussion, Don moved to adjourn the meeting and Ron seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm, edt.

Respectively submitted by,
Niki Fisher
Texel Sheep Breeders Secretary