

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS' SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

April 23rd, 2026

President Crystal Retzlaff called the meeting order at 7:08 p.m. EDT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Crystal Retzlaff, Ron Wilcox, Theresa Crowley, Olivia Halbur, Judy St. Leger, Gabe Francisco & Cinda Baird. Absent – Brady Campbell

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Cinda Baird emailed the minutes from the last meeting to all Board Members to review. Discussion was held. Judy St. Leger moved that we accept the minutes as corrected, Olivia Halbur second the motion. All approved the corrected minutes, and motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Theresa Crowley emailed the treasurer's report to all Board Members to review. Judy St. Leger moved that we accept the report as read, Olivia Halbur second the motion. All approved the treasurers report and motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW WEBSITE PROJECT –

Olivia Halbur has been working hard with Novel and Associated Registry on getting the website ready to roll out. Updates have been sent to board members to review and respond on their ideas and opinions. The Associated Registry animal registry will be live at point of registration. The membership registration will hopefully be live as well. Worked with Theresa Crowley to get PayPal account unlocked to tie into the AR link.

OHIO SHOWCASE SHOW & SALE – We will need banners for the show winners. Crystal will contact Riana Zeiher to see if she can order the banners. Judy St. Leger moved that we order the 4 banners for the Ohio Show Case as we have in the past. Theresa Crowley second the motion. All approved and the motion passed. Theresa Crowley has the pop-up banners. Cinda Baird will send Theresa a shipping label so she can send them to her for use at the Ohio Show.

2026 MIDWEST RAM SALE –

Tentative schedule was sent to Willoughby for the Midwest Ram Show & Sale / National Texel show and sales. Formal schedule at <https://wllivestock.com/pages/45173>

Banquet room was reserved for the 2026 Annual banquet / meeting. It was suggested by members that we have a educational presentation at the Annual Meeting. A couple of suggestions was "A tutorial on NSIP and what it can do for your flock", or "Creating a Parasite resistant flock". It was also discussed not to have ZOOM at the annual meeting.

SCALES & MEASUREMENT TOOLS -

Willoughby will provide the scales for us to use, and Bret Taylor has the measurement tools.

SCAN FOR LOIN EYE AT SEDALIA –

Discussion on the selection of a person to scan at Sedalia. Judy St Leger is collecting all names of qualified individuals. She has checked in with NSIP and the Gary Onan is not trained totally yet to comfortably handle the National show. Judy asked if she could ask Dallas to scan again this year since he is experienced. The board suggested to make sure he took two scans per head and Judy is OK with asking him how many scans he does on the sheep. She will also ask if the extra scan will cost extra. 2025 it cost \$11/head to scan. There is a professional in WI that might be a good backup in case Dallas cannot do it.

AWARDS – Cathy Martin and Riana Zeiher volunteered last year to run the Jr. show. Crystal will send email to the pair to confirm.

LOIN EYE AWARD –

The award for having the Largest Loin Eye Winner was approved again for 2026. We are looking at a \$50 - \$60 budget. We will announce the winner at the end of the Show. We are looking at either soft shell jackets or windbreakers and Crystal will ask for pricing. Gabe Fransico mentioned monogrammed halters he will get us pricing on the halters. Pricing for awards will be presented at next meeting.

SILENT AUCTION – This has run Wednesday through Friday in the past. There is a concern with the abbreviated times. Will need to give the information to Willoughby to announce. Cinda Baird will send the announcement to Willoughby and an email out to all the members to have their donations in place by Wednesday afternoon.

HALL OF FAME SUBMISSIONS –

Judy St. Leger has the nomination form ready for distribution. Theresa Crowley will be getting the Texel Times out after the Ohio Sale catalog is sent out. Cinda Baird will post it on Facebook and send an email out to the members.

NEW BUSINESS:

BANNERS FOR THE OHIO STATE FAIR - There will be an auction of sale banners. This will be tabled until next meeting when Brady Campbell is present.

POP UP STORE FOR TEXEL WEAR – Riana Zeiher organized in the past. Crystal will ask in email.

DATA COLLECTION DONE BY MEMBERS – Olivia Halbur suggested that we get a count of how many Texels are out there? where do you sell? how many lambs do you raise? Would be attached to the membership renewal and easy to answer – bullet points for data collection for ease of use.

TRANSFER OF LIVESTOCK WITHOUT BEING A MEMBER OF TSBS – Cinda Baird noticed this at NAILE. Cinda talked to Eric at Associated Registry and if you transfer stock, you do not have to become a member and as a society we are losing money. There are commercial breeders that use the Texels as Terminal Sires and are not interested in transferring their ram or becoming members. It was decided it is a non-issue at this time.

NON-WHITE TEXELS – Imports are opening up and we need to get this set up before someone else does. We would need to have a subdivision for Texels of color. We would need to modify the breed description to include all the coloring that exist and give specific details for each. Theresa Crowley moved that we set forth a committee for discussing nonwhite texels. Gabe Francisco second the motions. All approved and motion passed. Judy St. Leger has volunteered to head up a committee to discuss and present at the annual meeting. Therea Crowley, Olivia Halbur and Cinda Baird will be on the committee.

BREEDER INTEGRITY CONCERNS –

Olivia Halbur has heard more about infertile rams or low fertility. Looking for breeders to stand behind their stock. Need to get a breeding soundness evaluation. There is a clause from the National sale that the buyer has 1 year to contest the soundness of the ram purchased at the previous year sale if it can be vet proven. The board cannot be the police for member sales. We cannot predict the health of an animal. Also have heard about inverted eyelids as a genetic trait. Such a small instance in the Texel breed of other breeds. We may want to monitor for an increased instance of the genetic concern. An article in inverted eyelids would be beneficial for members of the society to educated them on the subject.

REPRESENTATION AT TEIR ONE CONVEVTIONS –

We would like to have TSBS sponsor members at various events with the goal to spark interest in the Texels breed to new prospects. Gabe Francisco will be at ASI in 2027 and could be our advocate. The Lamb Summit would be more beneficial and is held in July but every 3 years with the next one being in 2028. This would be an all expense paid event for a representative. We can address at annual meeting to see if anyone goes. There is also Grasswork in WI or MD sheep & wool festival or Lamb Jam for networking possibilities. The Lamb Jam also has a grant available for promotion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cinda Baird reported that the P/percentage is now on certificates

For the upcoming Futurity Awards - we will do certificates and checks for winners

Theresa Crowley reported that The Sheppard upped their ad cost from \$229.50 to \$254.90

Our ad is no longer in ASI – Theresa will reach out and address with them.

We had a Jr. member ask to be on BOD. The must be 18 years old to be on the board

We were asked for a \$1000 sponsorship for the KILE Texel Show. We must pay it or we will not have show. Concern is that we are not supporting other shows in the west and mostly in the East and numbers are low – cannot justify sponsoring for just 6 head.

Ronald Wilcox moved that we adjourn the meeting. Gabe Francisco second the motion. All approved and motion passed. Crystal Retzlaff adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be held April 23rd – 7 p.m. EDT.