

REGISTER OF MERIT
JULY 7, 2016
PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA

President Scott Crawford called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM CST. Sam Jackson made a motion to accept the 2015 minutes with Woody Joslin providing a second. The motion passed and the minutes from 2015 were accepted.

Many discussed the three ram tests and feel that the cost of the test is making it not justifiable to put rams on test. Sam Jackson, Russell Kott, and Robbie Eckhoff provided information concerning the fees associated with the Texas A&M Ram Test. Most feel the fees are too high and something needs to be done. It was decided that Robbie would talk to Dr. Dan Waldron to see if anything could be done to lower the cost of putting a ram on test.

Matt Benz gave an update on the NSIP program and noted that 15 breeders are now in the program or in the process of joining the program. Matt is the ARSBA liaison for NSIP. He noted that data is a huge key going forward for range buyers and the more sheep in the program the more reliable the data is.

With no further business, Matt Benz made a motion to adjourn the Register of Merit meeting with a second provided by Sam Jackson. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.