

NTSRI Board meeting March 23, 2019

Attendees: Tammy Westcott, Loreen Howe, Jozi Best, Lynn Murry, Kathy Niese

Guests: Dan Erwin, Sue Anderson, Linda Whitenack, Georgina Anderson

**Secretaries Report** reviewed. Loreen moved to accept as written. Seconded by Lynn and motion passed.

**Treasury Report:** Kathy Niese

NTSRI Checking @ Huntington Bank \$21825.00

Bennington Bank \$11240.72

Paypal \$4792 (Kathy is needing assistance from Bill Kerns and he has been unavailable to date)

Payments since last meeting

Tammy Westcott Postage and elections supplies \$81.90

Associated Registries \$3.30

Jera Kranawetter scholarship University of Missouri \$ 500

Kathy Niese newsletter stipend \$216.66

Kathy Niese Newsletter print and supplies \$245.58

Kathy will check with Kelli Ann Rice on her scholarship paperwork to payout.

Tammy moved to accept the Treasury report. Lynn seconded and motion was passed.

**Budget review** is still going on. Plan to have for final approval for May meeting at Wooster. Lynn asked that we are sure to have \$50 buyer credit on budget for both Sedalia and Wooster sales.

Dan Erwin spoke about potential cost of on-line ability for 2019 Wooster sale. Exact quote is currently unavailable but estimate is \$1000-1200 with Greg Deakin indicating that Tunis Association would pay \$300-500 for the service and he would cover rest. Has not been addressed with other breeds to pay as they have not requested at this time. Lynn brought up that Greg should probably pay for all if it is his sale. Tammy asked if it was worth it to association to pick up fee of \$6-10/head (assuming 50 head in sale). Dan thought it might be good move. Sue asked if this was one time charge. Tammy indicated company she works for has buyer show each year and the company has to pay each year for the internet service. We will have more discussion when quote is firm.

Tammy asked about the request that Maryland State fair made to acquire \$50 towards champion class. It is not 100% clear if this is for youth or open. Tammy asked if we do this for one state do we need to do that for all of them. Kathy said not every state has fair or perhaps Tunis show. Request died for lack of a motion.

**Election:** Tammy Westcott indicated about half of the ballots have been returned and must be in her hand by coming Saturday and she would forward results to Board by Sunday. Also that only one nominee in Region 8 agreed to serve and that would be Debbi Brown. Asking for help to get Alternate lined up. Kathy had reached out to Richard Schambow to see if he is willing to do that and has had no response to date. She also brought up perhaps Bill or Sharon Kerns would like to do that, and they are now in Colorado.

**Show & Sale Committee** Sue reported the numbers from last meeting had been approved and open show would \$ premium monies by \$497 while junior show would increase \$756. Last meeting we discussed perhaps lowering \$8 entry fee but due to lower number of entries at 2018 show our total increase is only \$172. She will not be polling members on that small of increase. 2018 open Tunis was 4<sup>th</sup> largest show at Louisville and Juniors ranked 10<sup>th</sup>.

New pens are approved but not ordered at meeting date. Will be 6' so more rows can be added.

Someone had entered show last year and had online sale at pens- RULES ARE BEING WRITTEN and ENFORCED so that does not happen again.

Only Gates 4 & 6 will be available to enter grounds with livestock

Schedule 2019: Tunis juniors will show 4<sup>th</sup> breed in Ring 3 on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Open Show Tunis 8am ring 2 Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>

Sue inquired if we would consider weighing top three animals in each class to begin accumulating data useful in determining if our breed characteristics may need to be tweaked a bit in the future. Loreen asked who had requested this? Is someone working on adjusting characteristics at this time? As mentioned in previous meetings weighing is already happening at the Big E. Lynn is concerned it could slow down show. Sue said that NAILE will provide scale and that is should not cause issue with show moving along. Sue said when class is over top 3 escorted to scale, need crew to jot weight, escort back to ring and she could possibly coordinate the effort. Questions on changing the range of weights a little- who would handle the information, how long do we collect information and who would be responsible for making any possible adjustments to standard....to be continued!

Jozi has raised concern that there are lots of black noses, vulvas and hoofs being seen in show ring. Georgina brought up the point that if the "ideal" of the breed is our National show then that should match our breed standard. Loreen said judges must be willing to stand up to breed standard. Dan asked if you are judging a show or sale order and none qualify what should you do. Can't throw them all out... Have to judge what is in front of you. Loreen agreed you should have to judge what is closest to the standard. Sue gave some information on Polled Dorset breed rewriting their standards as they are really no longer a medium sized sheep. Tammy moved to weigh top three at NAILE in 2019 and Jozi seconded. Motion passed.

**National Sale 2019** in Wooster Sale is back to arriving Friday, show on Saturday and sale on Sunday. Board will plan to meet at 6:00 on Friday evening. The dining hall is still there so perhaps we can use it. If not, may meet at restaurant nearby.

**BIG OHIO SALE @Eaton proposal** Kathy believes there are 7 Tunis breeders already attending Eaton in some fashion with other breeds. Three in Ohio, Tim Barnes, Eric Bruns, BWB Farm as well as Schmidt Farm, Schaeckel's in conjunction with Chris's parents, Spilde and MacCauley families.

Greg Deakin told Kathy if we are allowed, Tunis would show Friday and sell Saturday and sell first. Several board members find that a bit hard to believe if we are coming in as first timers. We were originally told would most likely show Thursday and sell on Friday.

Kathy had sent email just prior to meeting including a letter Board would like to ask Ohio Tunis to ask Big Ohio Sale Committee for Tunis to be included. 10 head are needed for a sale and Tammy said there is a list of at least 18 breeders that have shown interest in attending Eaton so don't feel as if that requirement would be hard to reach.

Lynn moved to send letter and Tammy seconded.

Further discussion- Jozi feels that Tunis have grown enough over the last 20 years we should have Tunis sales coast to coast. Georgina mentioned in order for a sale to be successful it needs to be established and Eaton location has established sales. While live sales in general have been declining there are many Tunis in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois so perhaps more venues there would be good. Loreen said it is crucial Ohio Tunis knows how we feel. As a longtime breeder she states there always seems to be disagreement somewhere. Vote was called as all in favor of sending letter with Kathy to Ohio Tunis meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>. If they still are not willing, Eaton will be a moot point.

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**NTJA-** All youth were invited to the call in conference and only 2 families were represented. The traditional scavenger hunt at Wooster is being replaced with a Skillathon available to all ages.

Georgina said Dawn Schaeckel had some concerns on the Futurity and looking at several revisions. They would like to be able to guarantee the Futurity Payout would be \$100 split 5 ways instead of 10. The thought here is it could raise price of sheep thru sales if you believe sheep good enough to place in those higher payout slots. Last year they raised \$975 so are asking that if Juniors cannot raise the \$1000 would the Board agree to offset the difference.

Lynn said it is less inclusive going from 10 places to 5 and wondered if fewer kids would participate. He thinks money should come from NTSRI anyway as those who would be winning awards should probably not be self-funded.

Georgina is hoping to build excitement for both kids and breeders in the 2019 season and feels they may get to the \$1000 but felt nervous about guaranteeing it without the board backing that up. Would like to test the water this year. She said Dawn also asked us to consider increasing the flat farm donation from \$150-\$250. Current cost is \$25/ lamb so would not save any money until 7<sup>th</sup> ewe at current rate. Last year only one farm (Spilde) did this. Discussion was that there really didn't seem any encouragement to raise that fee. Tammy moved to guarantee the \$1000 and Jozi seconded. Motion carried.

Georgina is looking for good fundraiser ideas for Great lakes Sale.

Shelley Bergman has accepted the Newsletter responsibilities and will begin with the September issue.

Other Old business- Sue reminded that we need to direct Greg Deakin to alternate the slick and the fitted sheep for the Great Lake Sale and Kathy said she would remind him of it. Same will need to be done in Sedalia.

Next official meeting will be May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Wooster. May need a few emails to clarify payment for hot spot at Wooster once pricing is confirmed.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Lauren moved to adjourn.