

Tunis Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, May 22, 2015 7PM

Wooster, Ohio

Tom Mann (V Pres), Lacey Allen, Lisa Knight, Marianne Turcheck, Jeff Munsey, Lynn Murry, Robin Swartz, Kathy Niese, Dana Dutcher-Deboer and Kris Mann (Sec) were present at the meeting. Georgina Anderson (Pres) and Bill Kerns (Tres) were in attendance via conference call.

Kris Mann read the minutes of the March 22nd BOD conference call. Lacey Allen moved that the minutes be approved, Lynn Murry seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Bill Kerns reviewed the account balances and the information that had been sent to the BOD through email. The increase in dues and registration prices has put the budget ahead of last year. 2 color ads were placed in the newsletter and paid for. A third was waiting to pay until corrections to the ad were made. Lynn Murry moved to approve the treasurer's report. Jeff Munsey seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bill Kerns is willing at the present time to continue as the NTSRI treasurer. Lynn Murry moved that Bill Kerns be kept as treasurer for the next year. Marianne Turcheck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathy Niese reported election results. Laureen Howe is the new director for Region 2 replacing Robin Swartz. Laureen's alternate is Dana Dutcher Deboer. Lacey Allen remains the new director for Region 8, her alternate is John Vogel. The BOD thanks Robin Swartz for her service.

Walter Clark is resigning his position on the BOD. Marianne Turcheck will be moving up to take his place. Marianne will be looking for an alternate for her region.

There were 3 ads placed in the latest newsletter for \$150.00 each. The newsletter is published 3 times each year. The next newsletter will be in September, the BOD will discuss costs and ad prices at another meeting.

Lacey Allen reported that there is only 1 youth director present at the Wooster show. They are having a scavenger hunt for both youth and adults. NTSRI needs more youth to be involved as directors. On the last NTJA conference call there were only 3

directors. Ladies of Tunis are trying to become more involved with the youth and help to find mentors for each region. Lacey Allen, Georgina Anderson and Judy Schambow were to discuss regional mentors and having at least one adult mentor available at each of the 6 main shows. Lynn Murry's mother was suggested as a possibility for the Stud Ram sale in Missouri.

Lisa Knight gave an update on the Big E which is where the National Show is this year. The Northeast Tunis Sheep Association is hosting. There are nicely done coffee mugs for class winners, etched glass awards for the Grand & Reserve Champion Ewe & Ram, and banners for the Grand Champion Ewe & Ram. There will be several hospitality events during the show for Tunis exhibitors. All the details on social activities are in the Tunis Messenger, Midwest Tunis, and the Banner.

The idea of making NAILE the permanent home of the NTSRI National show has been discussed. This may not require a constitutional amendment. This needs to be discussed at the next membership meeting. NAILE could also be named the default site if no other site meeting the requirements wants to host the show. The Tunis have had the 3rd or 4th largest breed show in the last several years. In order to help raise the money needed to keep premiums at their current level, Westwind Farms is donating a December ewe lamb for a raffle. Sue Anderson is selling tickets; the drawing will be ½ hour after the end of the Tunis sale on Sunday.

There was discussion about AR and trying once again to mend bridges with them. The board wanted to send a committee of 2 directors and the breed secretary to meet with Rock's and discuss what could be done to make things run more smoothly particularly dealing with the NAILE show. Lacey Allen moved that the BOD send Lynn Murry, Lisa Knight and Kris Mann to meet with Rocks. Marianne Turcheck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The BOD has been looking into having a Tunis calendar printed again for 2016. Tom Mann brought sample pages from his printer for the board to see. Jeff Munsey moved to go ahead with the calendar using the better paper and a color cover. Lacey Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed. There will be ads sold for the calendar, approximately business card size ads. It is expected to have space for 15 ads in the calendar. Ads and payments will be due by September 1st to be included. The calendar will be completed and sent to the printer around October 1st in order to have it available for distribution at the NAILE show. Jeff Munsey moved that ads be sold for \$50. Marianne Turcheck seconded the motion. The motion failed. Lynn Murry moved that ads be sold for \$25. Lacey Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The discussion of Lifetime and Honorary Memberships was tabled for another meeting.

Futurity contest was discussed. The rules that Lacey Allen had printed did not get all the changes made and there was discussion on the lower age limit. Jeff Munsey moved that the lower age limit be removed but that only a junior may help show the lamb and the youth must still be able to control the animal, and that the upper age limit is changed to a birth date of 1993. Lynn Murry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Officer elections were held. The new President will be Lynn Murry. Vice President will remain Tom Mann.

Lacey Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Marianne Turcheck seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.