

National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, November 15, 2015 - 10 AM

North American International Livestock Exhibition – Room C106

Board members: Lynn Murry (Pres), Tom Mann (V Pres), Georgina Anderson, Kathy Niese, Joyce McCarty, Jeff Munsey, Carolyn Hart, and Kris Mann (Sec) were present. On the phone were Bill Kerns (Tres), Marianne Turcheck, Lacey Allen and Lisa Knight.

Bret Oelke and Millie Moore were present from the Midwest Stud Ram Sale (Heartland Livestock Services) to present for an opportunity to host the National Tunis Show & Sale in 2017. Some of their selling points included:

- Beginning in 2016 there will be display space available to the breed association in the FFA educational building.
- Tunis sheep sell on the first day of sales (Thursday). Sheep must be checked in on Monday and the shows begin on Tuesday. Tunis are in the sheep barn with Montadales, and wool breeds and hair breeds.
- There is the opportunity to have a Junior show on Monday. Juniors would not be required to sell their sheep.
- They do not charge a buyer's premium.
- They have online bidding available.
- They will collect 1% for the organization on National Shows only.

Bill Kerns presented the treasurer's report. The Bank of America holds the main checking account. Associated Registries deposits into a Bennington State Bank account and Bill moves the money into the main account. NTSRI also holds a PayPal account for AR transactions. The total balance in all accounts as of Nov. 11, 2015 was \$21,060.43. It was noted that the total numbers of registrations and transfers has increased from 2014. The budget is on track to be met this year. Tom Mann moved to approve the treasurer's report, Georgina Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Secretary's minutes were discussed. Should they be read aloud at all meetings as they are available to BOD members via email and are also posted on the website? Should the minutes be sent out to the membership and how? The Banner will publish the minutes for free if we send them in. In order to get this done in a timely manner BOD members will need to approve or request changes within 1 week of receiving their email copy. Georgina Anderson moved to approve the secretary minutes. Carolyn Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NTSRI youth program was discussed. Lacy Allen missed the meeting at the end of the summer because of Jasmine's accident and injury. Rachel Schambow had planned to be present today but was snowed in. Currently Lacey Allen is the NTJA advisor. The Ladies of Tunis are helping as mentors. All but one of the NTJA director positions are currently filled however Jasmine may have to vacate Region 8 due to her injuries. Georgina Anderson expressed interest in helping Lacey with the advisor position. BOD discussed possible ways to best assist the youth. Carolyn Hart moved that Lacey Allen, Georgina Anderson, and Judy Schambow be assigned as co-advisors and the situation be re-evaluated in Wooster. Georgina Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with one member opposed.

There has been some confusion over the age of youth exhibitors eligible for NAILE. NTSRI constitution says that it is the age of the youth on their birth date. The NTJA rules state that youth must be 21 or under as of January 1 of the current year. Jeff Munsey moved that the rules for NAILE show should be changed to read that the youth should be 21 or under as of January 1 of the current year. Lacey Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The location of the National Tunis Show was discussed. Currently it is set that the National Show will be held at NAILE every third year. It will be at NAILE in 2016. The pros & cons of permanently moving the show to NAILE had been discussed at Wooster and were reviewed again. Georgina Anderson moved that NAILE be the home of the National Tunis Show and that proposals for alternate locations be considered at the BOD meeting in NAILE if any are received for the following year. Jeff Munsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The proposal of Bret Oelke for having the National Show & Sale in Sedalia was considered. The BOD appreciated the lack of buyer's premium and the online bidding capacity. They also liked the idea of having another large youth show for Tunis juniors. Transportation of animals is easily handled from the Sedalia sale. The Missouri state fairgrounds have camping available and there are new pens in the sheep barn where the Tunis are housed. The biggest concern was that many states require youth to possess their animals before the end of June to be eligible to show. Lynn thought that there was something in the sale contract that allowed the animals to be used even if purchased after the official date. Tom Mann is to check with Deakin about our 2016 contract. Jeff Munsey moved that this item be tabled until the January meeting in order to check into some of these questions. Carolyn Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Advertising was discussed. There are many opportunities presented by NTSRI for Tunis owners to advertise. These include the 3 newsletters published each year, the NTSRI directory and the Tunis calendar.

Lynn Murry moved that the meeting be moved into Executive session at this time.