

NTSRI Minutes May 24, 2013

Annual BOD Meeting

Wayne County Fairgrounds-Wooster, OH

Attendees

Bill Kerns (BK), Robin Swartz (RS), Dan Erwin (DE), Paul Cassell (PC), Doug Garey (DG), and Tammie Serafin (TS)

Absent: Eric Irvine

Other members present: Kathy Niese, Sharon Kerns, John and Maryanne McDouough, Kris Swihart, Jessica Swihart, Matt Maag, Rachel Schambow, Judy Schambow, Richard Schambow, Linda Whitenack, Jeff Muncey, Tom Mann, Hope Mann, Georgina Anderson, Cory and Nick Loughman, and Troy Staples, Lacey Allen by phone.

President Bill Kerns called the meeting to order and opened the floor to members for their comments and concerns.

1. Lacey Allen, who could not be present, but who submitted a request to discuss raising the Farm Futurity Fee from \$100.00 to \$150.00. Members and BOD discussed several options for change, and will work with Lacey Allen the new volunteer who will lead Futurity moving forward.
2. Jeff Munsey, is concerned about voting procedures in NTSRI. He proposed a “One vote per Flock” voting system. BOD discussed the value in pursuing this idea and has appointed Jeff, Georgina Anderson and one other person to investigate this issue and the BOD will review at NAILE 2013. Doug Garey, made the motion to appoint the committee to review this idea, Paul Cassell seconded.
3. Kelly Stumpe asked the BOD to revisit the constitution and form a committee to update constitution revision. Tammie moved and Bill 2nd to form a committee of four to review the constitution and make suggestions for revision. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 3-24-2013 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to accept by: Paul Cassell, 2nd: Dan Erwin

Treasurer Report:

Bill K. presented the Treasurer report: Current Balance: \$17,794.61. No additions or corrections were made to the report. Motion to accept: Paul Cassell, 2nd: Tammie Serafin

Bill K. will transition the treasury to Kris Swihart over the next several weeks, and train Kris on new programs to maintain treasury. Bill K. submitted the year to date banking summary for review.

There were no comments or additions to the summary.

Election Report:

MaryAnn McDonough shared the procedure that she implemented to conduct the election in region 4 and region 5. Region 4, Tom Mann was elected Director, and Kathy Niese was alternate. Region 5, Sheri Palko was elected Director, and Georgina Anderson was the alternate. Plans were discussed

to work on coding for the ballots, and MaryAnn, Kathy Niese, and Tammie Serafin will work together in future to smooth out the election process.

Youth Committee:

NTJA

Rachel Schambow presented for NTJA.

The youth will:

- Pass out ice cream bars during the Subway lunch on Saturday after the show.
- Offer \$50.00 buyers credit before the sale Sunday.
- Sell raffle tickets at all major events this show season. Prizes will be \$250.00, \$150.00, and \$100.00.
- NTJA will present gifts to any NTSRI youth member at the All-American in Lansing.

Futurity

Dan Erwin announced that as of Monday, May 27, 2013, he will resign his position on the Futurity Committee; he will work on the committee with Lacey Allen and Kris Swihart to discuss what changes need to take place on the Futurity, Scholarship, and Leadline programs.

Dan reported:

- New rules for Futurity will be posted on the website soon.
- The scholarship committee was still discussing the 8 applications of the NTSRI Youth Scholarship. They winners will be announced at the Banquet Saturday night.

Dan was thanked for his work on the committee.

Show and Sale Committee

Georgina Anderson reported that NAILE did not add any additional money for premiums this year. Sue Anderson has written letters to ask Ag businesses to help us with our donations. A few companies have responded thus far with donations that we can raffle off to raise between \$600-\$800 dollars that will supplement the premiums. Sue will be selling raffle tickets for the donated items, a \$275.00 blocking stand from Valley Vet Supply, Show supplies, and other items from WestWind Farm. The raffle will end at Wooster and the prizes can be picked up at NAILE.

The Show and Sale Committee has been identified as Georgina Anderson, Eric Irvine, Troy Staples, and Shelly Long. Jeff Munsey has volunteered to serve on this committee as well.

It has been recommended that the National Junior Tunis Show can follow the All-American. NTJA will determine the location of the National Youth Show.

Redistricting

Bill K. reported that regional directors did not receive any adverse comments from their members on the redistricting proposal. Therefore, the proposed changes to the regional map will be discussed at the general membership meeting and voted on at NAILE.

- Region 1, currently has 46 members; consider moving the members from Eastern Canada to Region 2. This will leave 38 members in Region 1

- Region 2 currently has 32 members; if the members from Eastern Canada are moved to Region 2, then Region 2 will have 40 members
- Region 3, has 42 members
- Region 4, has 39 members
- Region 5, has 42 members
- Region 6, has 44 members
- Region 7, has 65 members; consider dividing this region in half from North to South, create a New Region 7 (WI, MN, IA, MO, AR, LO, ND, SD, NB, KS, OK) with 33 members
- New Region 8 (MT, WY, CO, NM, TX, ID, UT, AZ, WA, OR, NV, CA) will have 32 members.

Publicity/Advertisement

Tammie reports:

- A full page ad was placed in the Banner Magazine, and 1/8" ad in "Sheep" magazine.
- NTSRI will provide a Subway "Grab and GO" lunch after the show Saturday.
- The NTSRI display board will be sent to members who need it for summer shows. Contact Tammie and it will be shipped.

Secretarial Support/ Membership/Newsletter/ AR Liaison/ Directory Publication

- Sharon K. reports that there are 50 hits on the website each day, and she is working to keep website updated each month especially new memberships.
- Kathy N. reports that only a couple of members with email have requested to receive the newsletter by mail. Some members don't mind getting the newsletter by email but printing is very expensive and they would still like to get a hard copy.
- Kathy N. requested Directors reports from each region, or would like each director to appoint a person in the region to submit news from their members if they do not have time to submit a report.
- Bill K. did not receive any negative support for posting the Secretarial Liaison Position, so the application for this position will be posted on the website and on Tunis Talk.
- The Tunis Directory will be published by Banner. Banner reports that they will be contacting members soon for ad proofs.

Introduction of New Directors:

Bill K. introduced the new Directors for the regions.

Paul Cassell and Dan Erwin relinquished their seats at the table, for the new Directors. Members thanked both Paul and Dan for their service on the BOD.

Shari Palko was not able to be present, so alternate Georgina Anderson took her place at the table. Tom Mann took his position at the table as well. Kathy Niese was also introduced as alternate for Region 4.

Voting for 2013-2014 NTSRI President, V. President, and Secretary

MaryAnn McDonough and Kathy Niese collected and counted ballots for the election.

Nominations for BOD President began:

Eric Irvine was nominated by Tammie S. and 2nd by Robin S.

Doug Garey was nominated by Tom Mann, but declined the nomination.

Bill Kerns was nominated by Doug G. and 2nd by Georgina Anderson

Ballots were collected by Kathy N. and counted by MaryAnn M.

Bill Kerns was elected as President.

Nominations for Vice President began:

Georgina Anderson nominated Tom Mann and 2nd by Tammie S.

Robin S. nominated Eric Irvine and 2nd by Tammie S.

Ballots were collected by Kathy N. and counted by MaryAnn M.

Tom Mann was elected as Vice President.

Nominations for Secretary began:

Bill K. nominated Sheri Palko and 2nd by Tom Mann

No other nominations were made.

Sheri Palko was elected Secretary.

Elections were closed.

Doug Garey moved to adjourn meeting and Tom 2nd. Meeting was adjourned.