

Texel Sheep Breeders Society
Directors Meeting Conference Call Minutes
10/02/03 9pm Eastern Time

The meeting was called to order by President Andy Wells at 9pm Eastern Time. Those attending the conference call in addition to the president were Aynn Lackey, Vice President; Velsie Vest, Director, Dave Albert, Director, and Julie Korkow, Secretary Treasurer.

Minutes from the national meeting were distributed by fax prior to the conference call to be utilized for reference. A treasurers report was given. Our current balance in both checking and our Paypal account totals \$2,108.12. All liabilities are paid.

The first item discussed under old business was the national sale location. Dave reported he had not made contact with Larry Meade regarding moving our sale to Sedalia. He also reported that Banner Sale Management had asked us to remain in Springfield, IL. Further discussion indicated that there had been some question as to whether members want to or can support a national sale. Dave stated he had comments made to him regarding the quality of the sheep at our national sale being down and attributed this being primarily due to the fact that members are not having any trouble selling their sheep right off the farm. Also, the health requirements reduced the availability of some sheep since they could not meet the new requirements adopted by the board. A sifting committee was also suggested to assure that only high quality sheep would go through the sale. The board decided to develop a survey asking members what their input was on the sale topic. The secretary is to put together those surveys, mail them, collect the results and provide the information back to the board. Further discussion along this line provided indications that demand for Texel breeding stock is high in almost all areas with ewes in high demand.

The board discussed the possibility of having a show at Louisville. Dave is going to make contact with officials there to investigate that possibility further or at least find out if we can have a breed booth at that location.

Velsie is heading the committee on bylaw changes. She reported she has not yet completed her recommendations but will have a draft out to board members soon.

Board members have tried to make contact with Kathy Bounds at the address and phone numbers we have been provided. Since she has not paid membership dues for 2003, she cannot be considered a member and is therefore not eligible to be a director. It was moved by Aynn Lackey and seconded by Dave Albert that we appoint Tammy Weaver to the remainder of Kathy Bounds' term. Andy will contact Tammy by phone and the secretary will send written notification and update the web page information.

Brochures for our association were discussed. We are out of the original brochures we had made up. It was decided that there were some minor changes on the back of the brochure that were needed. The secretary will see that these are done and that new

brochures are printed. In addition, we will announce a picture contest to try and obtain new pictures for the brochure. Criteria will be announced in the upcoming newsletter.

A web page report was given by the secretary. We are presently averaging over a 1,000 visitors per month on the site. It was suggested at the national meeting that we develop some sort of template for breeders to have a webpage. Also, suggested was to have a featured breeder spot that could be sold to TSBS members. All directors were in favor and the board elected to have Julie develop this information and send it out in the upcoming newsletter for members to take advantage of.

Also discussed was the need for an updated and perhaps more detailed breed standard. There has been much variance in the breed here in the U.S. We also need to have something to provide to judges who are judging Texel shows. Aynn is to work on this and distribute it for comments from the membership in the Winter newsletter.

Aynn has developed some basic show guidelines for the society for those interested in having a show perhaps in conjunction with a local or regional event. This was done in response to a request for a show in Hermiston, Oregon. The directors reviewed the information, made some minor changes, and approved the guidelines.

With no further business, the conference call was ended at 10:40 pm Eastern Time.