

2009 TSBS ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2009

Kerry Richardson called the 2009 TSBS Annual Meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. C.S.T. In Sedalia, Missouri. Board members attending:

President:	Kerry Richardson
Vice President:	Bret Taylor
Directors:	Walter Stubbs Ron Erdman Niki Fisher

Also present:

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Adams
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wray
Rachael Gateling
Mike Wray
Melissa Wray

Walter Stubbs moved that Niki Fisher take the minutes of the meeting as Robert Stonerock, TSBS Secretary, was unable to attend this meeting. Bret Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report, submitted by Beverly Pearsall, was read and approved. Ron Erdman moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Walt seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

Due to several computer crashes, there are no minutes to report from the 2008 Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

JUDGING

Rachael Gateling said that the judge for this year's TSBS Show, Don Hopkins, had done a considerable amount of research on the Texel breed prior to the show in order to familiarize himself with the Texel Breed. Mr. Hopkins suggested to Rachael that a standard score card would be beneficial in the future to use during judging.

Kerry thought that perhaps it is time, once again, to re-evaluate our breed standards in order to get an 'standard' American Texel.

Bob Adams suggested a Type conference to be held each year during the National Show and Sale. This would be helpful to all Texel breeders as a reminder as to the type of sheep we want the U.S. Texel Breed to be. Right now, there are 2-3 different "types" of Texels being shown at the National Sale; the British and Australian "type" being the closest to American Texels.

ADVERTISING

Kerry brought it to everyone's attention that a large part of the money that had, in the past, been used to buy awards and ribbons, this year had been diverted to advertising. Primarily in the *sheep!* And **Shepherd** publications.

If we were to scale back on the awards and ribbons, this would free-up a bit more money that could be used on advertising. Another, suggestion to add to the advertising monies was to use a Co-op type advertising system. The TSBS board would design an ad and the TSBS membership would contribute money to help defray the cost of running the ads.

Kerry suggested sending out letters to the TSBS membership to see how many would be interested in contributing to a co-op advertising fund. Rachael said that something on the same order is used where she lives and that it works pretty well.

AWARDS & RIBBONS

After some discussion, Rachael suggested that ribbons for Grand Champion Ram & Ewe; Reserve Champion Ram & Ewe; Largest loin measurement, Ram & Ewe and Best of Breed would be sufficient. Mrs. Wray thought that in addition to these, ribbons for the first 4 places should also be awarded. Bret said this way, there wouldn't be any extra ribbons at the end of the show, thus saving money. This year, \$320.00 was spent on ribbons & awards.

MEMBERSHIP

According to the TSBS Bi-Laws, all membership dues must be received by March 1 of each year in order to have the breeder listed on the web-site. Dues can be received after this date, but the breeder would not be listed on the TSBS web-site.

Bob Adams wondered if the TSBS membership dues were comparable with other breed dues. Rachael said that even at \$25.00, our membership was more than some other breeds.

REGISTRATIONS

Much discussion was entered about closing the registrations on percentage ewes which would end any breeding-up programs. It was decided to leave it for now and review it again in the future. There aren't the Texel numbers yet to close the breed-up programs.

There was also discussion about taking all future registrations that are 98% and make them 100%. This would need to be decided on so that Karey Claghorn can implement on the new computer program they are getting. Walt moved to go from 98% to 100%. Niki seconded it. It passed.

ULTRASOUND TECHNICIAN

Charlie Wray will contact Gary Onan about doing the ultrasound scanning at the 2010 National Show. Right now, the ultrasound techs don't seem to be consistent year after year.

CLOSING

Bob Adams complimented those responsible for the speakers during our Banquet the past 2 years. These would be Robert Stonerock and Walter Stubbs.

Walt says that non-board members need to send in their input so the Board can know what people are thinking or want from the TSBS.

Walt moved to close the meeting, Bret seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. C.S.T.

Respectfully submitted by: Niki Fisher

