

Conference Call February 25th

Aynn Lackey
Julie Korkow
Andy Wells
Dave Albert
(Beverly Pearsall)

Meeting brought to order 5:10 PM Pacific Time

Motion to accept nominations to the board Velsie Vest, Texas and Aynn Lackey, Oregon.
Dave Albert seconded, motion carried.

Vote to elect President and V.P. Andy was again voted in as President and Aynn Lackey was voted in as Vice President.

Need new interim Chairman until new person elected/appointed at National Show, Aynn Lackey volunteered to fill in until then.

Treasurer Report

\$2800.15 in our account as of this meeting

General New Business

Annual Meeting-

The Annual Meeting location has been setup to be again held at the Days Inn in Springfield, Friday June 20th in the evening. Andy has mailed a confirmation letter to the Days Inn for a conference room from 4-10pm. The pool will be available for the meeting attendee's kids. Also discussed again having pizza for everyone and we all agreed that would be a good idea.

Loin eye scanning will again be done Friday mid morning, Andy will set it up.

Junior Show-

The Junior Show location and time was discussed and the decision was to again have the show following the national show (Friday afternoon) located over in the Montadale Barn. The ribbons and the trophies for the junior show will again be ordered by Andy and will be similar in style. Dave Albert volunteered to place an order for the junior show T-Shirts this year.

Sale Location-

National sale location was discussed and many ideas brought to the table.

Three new sights are being considered in a rotation:

Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Mo

Top of the Rockies, Longmont, Co

Eastern Stud Sale, Stanton, Va

We all agreed that we need to move the sale around to new regions. Concern was expressed regarding enough consignors in each of those areas. Topic will be discussed with the membership for their view points in June and a vote taken at that meeting.

ASI-

ASI associate membership was discussed. Membership for the Society would be \$300.00. Andy informed us of the value our contribution would make to ASI and how much they help not only our industry as a whole in the political forum, but could also help us as a Breed Society when it comes to importation issues, health issues, etc. Dave made a motion to go ahead and contribute 300.00 and Aynn Lackey seconded. Motion carried. Vote of 3 to 0 in favor.

Promotions-

Briefly went over the T shirt and Hat inventory. We decided that we can hold off on reordering at this time. We approved a reorder on pens and key rings/pop openers. Andy will order these items. We also discussed the idea of a stadium cup with the logo on it. We could sell the cup and throw in a cold soda with it during the National Show. The price for the cup/soda would have to be determined before the show.

A new Society banner with the logo as well as a table cover was also discussed and Dave is going to look into the cost of these items. We would like a banner that was two sided and have the ability to be hung up (grommets).

We talked over a need for a very professional looking breed display that could really “show off” our breed and all of its great attributes, from carcass traits to wool quality. Aynn is going to work on this. We would like to have something this June to put up. This brought up the need for more “photo shoots” during the show and sale.

Health Requirements-

OPP, Scrapie genotyping, and B. Ovis were discussed at length. After reviewing the pro's and con's of mandatory testing of these diseases Dave Albert made the motion to require as of June 2003 sale that all Texel Sheep being included in the show/sale must be tested for OPP and B.Ovis . And it is strongly recommended that a genotyping be done for Scrapie. Aynn Lackey seconded the motion and the motion carried. A vote of 2 to 1 in favor of this testing was concluded. It was agreed that the notification of these new requirements be included in the consignment paper work coming from Greg Deacon's office (Banner) as well as being posted on the website and in the upcoming newsletter to the membership. Dave Albert is going to contact Banner Sales Mgmt. to get this in motion.

Newsletter-

The need for more information to get to the general membership was discussed. It was all agreed that the website is a great success and that everyone seems to be benefiting from it. A newsletter it was discussed needed to be put together quarterly if possible. Items to be included for the next issue were also covered. Those items were: a rough agenda for the National Show and Meeting. Junior Show Consignment Form and the New Health Requirements to show.

With no other topics to discuss the meeting was brought to a close approximately 8:00PM PT.

These minutes prepared and submitted by Aynn Lackey.

