

TSBS Annual Meeting Minutes June 22, 2004

The annual meeting of the Texel Sheep Breeders Society was called to order at approximately 4pm on June 22, 2004 at Sedalia, MO by Vice President, Aynn Lackey.

Introductions of all attendees was made. Minutes of the June 20, 2003 annual meeting were read by the secretary. Jerry Hess made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Thomas seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

The financial report was provided by Julie Korkow. It was reported that we presently have a balance of \$1,102.53 in checking and \$425.37 in a Paypal account. This gives us a total of \$1,527.90. At the present time there were some outstanding bills for sale expenses that had not been paid and receivables from polo shirts. Korkow also reported that we were running within the budget and provided a copy of profit and loss to be examined by members. She also recommended that a budget committee be established. Jerry Hess moved to approve the financial report. Bob Adams seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Korkow also provided a website report to the group. In May, just before the meeting there were 1,582 visits to the national website. The website is receiving a lot of traffic. A suggestion was made to checkout the Yahoo permissions on the discussion group that was established to keep malicious users from accessing our group and spreading viruses, junkmail, etc.

Tammy Weaver reported on the Junior show acknowledging attendees and telling the group about the awards that were given. Juniors received ribbons as well as engraved cups for Grand Champion animals. All participants received ribbons and they were also given a T-Shirt. A recommendation was made to handle our own entries for the junior show in the coming years.

The next item of business was elections. Ron Erdman withdrew his name from consideration. Elections for the board of directors was held and Bob Adams, Tammy Weaver, and Dave Albert were elected. There were a total of 48 votes cast with Weaver and Adams both receiving 15 votes and Albert receiving the next highest amount at 9. Other members that ran for the board were Kerry Richardson and Andy Wells.

Show/Sale—Aynn Lackey, Interim Chairperson

Aynn reported that we had a strong number of consignments for the sale this year and the show was probably the largest ever. We had interest from many surrounding states and from Canada. All items for the show and sale are now complete. A new sale committee was established and volunteers for the committee were Rob Morris and Velsie Vest.

Breed Standards

A breed standards discussion was held prior to the meeting and it was suggested that a committee be formed to review and possibly revise our existing breed standard. Bob Adams, Rob Morris, Ron Erdman, John Jansen, and Kerry Richardson will be on the committee. If members have items they want considered they should contact one of the above members to provide their input.

Election of Officers:

The membership proceeded to elect their officers from the newly established board of directors. Julie Korkow nominated Aynn Lackey for President and Blaise Alackness seconded. Aynn was accepted by proclamation. Julie Korkow nominated Tammy Weaver for Vice President and Velsie Vest seconded. Tammy Weaver was accepted by proclamation. It was pointed out that election of the secretary or creation of an Executive Director position was necessary. Kerry Richardson moved and Rob seconded that an Executive Director position selection Korkow be created. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was brought up about splitting the ram lambs class from 1/1 to 2/15 and 2/16 to current creating early and late ram lamb classes. It was also suggested to eliminate the mature ewe class since we had no entries. John Jansen pointed out that he would like to have more clear information regarding sale information and health papers. The sale committee will take these suggestions under advisement.

There was also discussion regarding the board of director responsibilities in advising members of the election to make sure all members have an opportunity to submit votes whether they attend the annual meeting or not. At present, members may submit proxy votes prior the Secretarys departure for the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The topic of recording specific lamb performance measurements was brought up. Ron Erdman reported that he recently joined lambplan and was pleased so far. Several producers felt it necessary to have some uniform benchmarks to measure performance of various sheep from flock to flock.

There also was discussion regarding the inclusion of crossbred sheep in our national show. Many had the opinion that since it is our national show that we should have purebreds only. The other opposing opinion to that is that it may show commercial producers what the Texel can do as a terminal sire.

Canadian guests Steve Jones and Gary Brien were in attendance at our meeting. Mr Jones provided information on the upcoming Cornerstone Texels sale scheduled for July of 2004. He invited all TSBS members to attend and see what Canadian Texels are doing. He also thanked everyone for their hospitality and complimented us on a nice presentation of Texel stock.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie E. Korkow

People in attendance at the annual meeting June 20, 2003:

Wells, Andy—South Dakota
Davis, Harold—Illinois
Davis, Bonnie—Illinois
Hess, Jerome—Kansas
Hess, Lila—Kansas
Lackey, Aynn—Oregon
Vest, Velsie—Texas
Richardson, Kerry—Illinois
Thomas, Don—Indiana
Albert, David —Pennsylvania
Adams, Bob—Indiana

Adams, Betsy—Indiana
Richardson, Kerry B.—Illinois
Erdman, Ron—Illinois
Weaver, Dave—Michigan
Weaver, Tammy—Michigan
Pearsall, Bev—Maryland
Auker, Steve—Pennsylvania
Auker, Dan—Pennsylvania
Gevin, Milo—Pennsylvania
Korkow, Julie—Montana
Korkow, JT—Montana