

Texel Sheep Breeders Society Conference Call Minutes July 30, 2007

Kerry Richardson declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM CST with the following present: President: Kerry Richardson, vice president: Bret Taylor, treasurer: Robert Stonerock, directors: Beverly Pearsall, Eugene Fisher, and Ron Erdman.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Robert Stonerock distributed the minutes from the May 17, 2007 conference call through an earlier e-mail distribution. Board had read the minutes and did not feel the need to have them read by the secretary. Ron Erdman moved to accept and file the minutes. Seconded by Beverly Pearsall. Motion passed. The minutes are accepted and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Stonerock reported the following:

- Balance at Peoples Bank (7-29-07) \$3,154.18
- Deposits since May 17, 2007 (KC): \$1,235.00
- Deposits since May 17, 2007 (RS): \$154.00
- Checks awaiting deposit: \$70.00
- Pay Pal transfers: \$2,000.00
- Expenses since May 17, 2007: \$2,866.03
- Pay Pal account balance: \$79.14
- Cash Balance as of July 29, 2007: \$3,233.32

TSBS was issued a credit by Post Digital for the first Texel Times and ballots that were received late by the membership.

Bret Taylor moved to accept and file the treasurer's report. Seconded by Beverly Pearsall. Motion passed. Treasurer's report accepted and approved.

2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION AND THE BY-LAWS

Kerry recognized two members: Charlie Wray and Bob Adams. Charlie was asked by Bob to appear the meeting and he agreed to as an "observer". Bob Adams then brought many valid points about the election procedure and spoke about the need to revise the by-laws. He asked the board to examine the election and voting process:

- How are the votes counted? Do two votes out of three count? Are e-mail votes counted? Why not?
- Are the ballots mailed only to current, paid up members?
- How is confidentiality insured during the vote count?
- Where are the ballots placed once they come in?
- Is the vote count held in escrow by an independent firm?
- Insure integrity in the process to keep one or two people from taking over the organization or to influence the voting.
- Are there penalties for tampering with the process?
- Allowing a board member or an officer of the organization to campaign for a candidate running for a seat.

Bob then received questions and answers from the board. Robert Stonerock commented that many non-paying past members were dropped from the membership rolls this year. There are probably a few members that voted but had not paid their 2007 dues. Some members pay their dues at the time that they register or transfer their Texels. Those who are in arrears will be reminded again in the Texel Times or by post card

Bret Taylor said that the board did consider e-mail voting but did not approve it as there were too many credibility issues with this type of voting.

Kerry thanked Bob for his concerns and said the board would discuss these issues further in the Executive Session. Bob Adams and Charlie Wray departed from the meeting. The Board then went into executive session.

The board came out of its executive session and back into the regular meeting.

VACANT BOARD SEAT:

Kerry recommended Nikki Fisher to fill the board seat vacated by Rob Morris. Ron Erdman moved to accept Nikki Fisher to fill Rob Morris's seat. Beverly Pearsall seconded the motion. Motion passed and Nikki Fisher was approved to fill the board seat.

2007 ELECTION:

Kerry asked Robert to call each candidate as soon as the CPA announced the election results. He also directed that the election results be posted on the TSBS web site.

PETITION TO THE BOARD:

Kerry asked the board to think about future petitions to the board. A procedure should be written into the by-laws and a fee charged to the petitioner. One breed association charges a \$250.00 fee. The fee should be high enough that it eliminates frivolous complaints but allows the money to be returned to the petitioner in a matter where they are found to be correct and the board concurs with their grievance.

NATIONAL SALE REPORT:

Robert said that he called Larry Mead about the sale report. Larry said it would be mailed out within the next couple of days. Bill Jones was preparing it. Kerry asked that it be posted on the web site and in the next Texel Times.

2006 & 2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

Eugene Fisher asked about the 2006 and 2007 annual meeting minutes. They are not yet posted on the TSBS web site. The 2006 annual meeting minutes are approved and will be posted. Eugene asked for a copy of them. The 2007 annual meeting minutes are not completed but will be soon.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is August 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM CST.

Ron Erdman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bret Taylor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Robert A. Stonerock

Treasurer