

## **Texel Sheep Breeders Society Conference Call Minutes December 21, 2006**

Kerry Richardson declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM CST with the following present: President: Kerry Richardson, vice president: Bret Taylor, treasurer: Robert Stonerock, directors: Beverly Pearsall, Eugene Fisher and Ron Erdman. Director Rob Morris was absent.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Robert Stonerock reported the following:

- Deposits since November 16, 2006: \$149.00
- Expenses since October 19, 2006: \$660.89
- Pay Pal account balance: \$186.16
- Balance as of November 16, 2006 is \$2,799.39

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Robert Stonerock distributed the minutes from the November 16, 2006 conference call through an earlier e-mail distribution. Robert then summarized the minutes. Bret Taylor moved to accept and file the minutes. Seconded by Ron Erdman. Motion passed. The minutes are approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BREED STANDARDS:** Breed standards are adopted and will be forwarded to the membership for voting. Voting will be by ballot with proxy votes. Only members in good standing will be permitted to cast a ballot. The breed standards will be published in the next issue of the Texel Times. Ballots will be sent out later to members in good standing.

**BY LAWS:** Kerry stated that the By-Laws are ready for a vote by the membership. Only the members in good standing will be permitted to vote. The By Laws will also be published in the next issue of the Texel Times and voted on by ballot.

**TEXEL BROCHURE COMMITTEE:** Robert Stonerock said that more photos were needed. The committee had already discussed what they wanted in the new brochure. Kerry suggested that one person be the editor and solicit ideas to come up with several different types of brochures. The brochures should promote the breed and the TSBS. Pictures are needed of Texels with wool or slick sheared, pictures of loin scanning, and carcass photos.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:** Robert Stonerock reported that the Iowa Secretary of State approved the TSBS Articles of Incorporation. The articles are effective as of October 26, 2006.

**NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS:** Kerry Richardson and Robert Stonerock gave an update on TSBS standing with the IRS. Robert sent Kerry a CD with the TSBS account information on it that Aynn Lackey had provided. However, Kerry and the accountant (Trenna Grabowski) could not open it. Kerry asked Robert to send all bank statements for the one-year period ending June 1, 2006. Robert has all of the bank statements from Aynn Lackey during her tenure as the treasurer. There are two statements missing for that time period when the account was with the Rocky Mountain Bank. Kerry will contact the Rocky Mountain Bank to get the two missing statements. Robert will forward the statements from the Community Bank to Kerry. These will be turned over to Trenna to prepare our statement with the IRS.

**TEXEL MERCHANDISE:** Kerry said that both Aynn Lackey and Bob Adams were very appreciative of the polo shirts that were embroidered and presented to them for their dedication and years of service to Texel Sheep Breeders Society.

**DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIP:** Discussion centered on the list of delinquent members. Approximately 12 members have been dropped off of the rolls and the web page. There are 21 former members who did not pay their 2006 dues and cannot vote on any matters pertaining to the society. Ron Erdman suggested that we send a post card to these former members to encourage them to become members in good standing in order to vote on the breed standards and the by laws. Eugene Fisher moved that Ron Erdman send out postcards to the delinquent members. Beverly Pearsall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL TEXEL SHOW:** Robert Stonerock stated that he was still working on the National Show & Sale Health Requirements. These would be sent to Kerry for his review and to the exhibitors for their final input before they are forwarded on to Larry Mead. The requirements would be completed by the first week of January.

**TAIL DOCKING:** Kerry brought up the subject of tail docking. He gave examples of sheep that were docked to have no tail and others with no docking. He encouraged the membership to dock for a "Liftable tail". Beverly Pearsall provided a link to an article on the internet for tail docking (through an earlier e-mail circulated to the board.). Kerry asked Beverly to get permission to use the photo on our web site and in the Texel Times. Kerry felt the need to educate the membership on the tail docking issue.

**ARTICLES FOR THE TEXEL TIMES AND THE WEB SITE:** Kerry asked Beverly Pearsall if she could get permission to use the article *Fecal Egg Count Affected by Sire* that she found on a web site. The study involved the use of Texels and it suggested that Texels might be more resistant to internal parasites than the other breeds in the article.

**FT GREELEY, COLORADO SHOW:** Kerry appointed Eugene Fisher as the Texel Breed Show Chairman for the Ft. Greeley, Colorado Show. Eugene accepted the appointment.

**NATIONAL TEXEL SHOW:** Kerry suggested that the rams at the national show have their scrotum circumference measured and placed on the pen cards and the loin scan matrix. This would give the buyers more information. Further measurement data of the animal would be collected, compiled and used on the web site. Another suggestion was to run ads in the Banner Magazine about the upcoming show and sale to help promote the breed. It was also suggested that all exhibitors have the percentage of Texel for the animal displayed. Providing a copy of the pedigree at the pen would accomplish this.

**TEXEL EMBRYOS:** Kerry has made contact with someone with the Texel Society in New Zealand. No new information on whether the embryos could be registered?

**MEETING DATES:** The next meeting date is scheduled at 7:30 PM Central time for the following date: *February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.*

Ron Erdman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Eugene Fisher. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM Central time.

Respectively submitted,

*Robert A. Stonerock*  
*Treasurer*