

Texel Sheep Breeders Society Conference Call Minutes November 16, 2006

Kerry Richardson declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 excused.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robert Stonerock reported the following:

- Deposits since October 19, 2006 of \$322.00
- Expenses since October 19, 2006 of \$ 255.76
- Pay Pal account balance: \$186.16
- Balance as of November 16, 2006 is \$3,121.35

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Robert Stonerock distributed the minutes from the October 19, 2006 conference call through an earlier e-mail distribution. The By Laws Committee Report by chairwoman Beverly Pearsall was revised as per her request through an earlier e-mail. Ron Erdman moved to accept and file the minutes as revised. Seconded by Beverly Pearsall. Motion passed. The minutes are approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TEXEL MERCHANDISE: Kerry Richardson filled in for Rob Morris and updated the board on Rob's progress in researching the prices for Texel merchandise.

BREEDERS MINI WEB PAGE: Kerry Richardson and Robert Stonerock updated the board on what Carol Wise can provide for a mini web page that will be under the TSBS web site. It is ideal for breeders who do not want the expense in a private web page. Ron Erdman moved that TSBS offer a mini web page for the membership with the following provided and the fees to be charged by TSBS:

- Full page will consist of unlimited wording and four thumbnail photos for \$120.00/annually.
- A half page will be up to 200 words and two thumbnail photos for \$70.00/annually.
- A quarter page consists of not more than 100 words and one thumbnail photo for \$35.00/annually.

Bret Taylor seconded the motion. Motion approved.

BREED STANDARDS: Ron Erdman reported that the breed standards are ready to be sent to the membership. Eugene Fisher moved that the Texel breed standards to be accepted as written. Bret Taylor seconded the motion. Motion approved. Breed standards are adopted and will be forwarded to the membership for voting. Voting will be by ballot with proxy votes.

BY LAWS: Kerry Richardson and Beverly Pearsall said that the new by laws need one final revision. Once the articles of incorporation are approved in Iowa, the by

laws must reflect Iowa as where TSBS is incorporated. The membership must vote on the by laws.

TEXEL BROCHURE COMMITTEE: Robert Stonerock said that all committee members and president Kerry Richardson were mailed the old brochure. Committee members were to fill out a questionnaire and the results would be compiled and shared with the group. The committee still needs more Texel photos. The committee hopes to have a rough draft of a new brochure by January 1st.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION: Robert Stonerock and Bret Taylor updated the board that Bret signed the TSBS articles of incorporation and that he forwarded them to the Iowa Secretary of State's Office. The \$20.00 check that accompanied the articles was cashed but it is unknown if the articles were approved.

NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS: Kerry Richardson gave an update on TSBS standing with the IRS. He has been in contact with CPA Trena Grabowski and that she needs more records from TSBS. She specifically requested a financial statement from June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006. Robert Stonerock will either mail/e-mail this information or will send Kerry a CD that Aynn Lackey had provided last summer. According to Trena, we are required to file a statement with the IRS when they send us notice to file. Kerry suggested that we might want to think about filing it every year so that a new board would not have to figure out when they had to file again. Presently, the IRS is not too concerned about our status as long as we send a letter of apology file the statement to bring TSBS into compliance.

TEXEL MERCHANDISE: Kerry Richardson asked if everyone had viewed the photos of the polo shirt and hat that he had e-mailed to everyone? Kerry will forward the photos to Carol Wise to place on the TSBS web site. The polo shirt is a forest green color and is pretty sharp!

OPP SOCIETY: Beverly Pearsall had updated everyone through e-mail of what happened to TSBS's membership in the OPP Society. The TSBS board three years ago voted to join the OPP society. However, the OPP Society dues were never paid. Through recent e-mails, the board and Kerry Richardson unanimously agreed to pay the \$50.00 five-year membership dues to bring TSBS up to date. Robert Stonerock reported that the check was mailed last week.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES ON THE TSBS WEB SITE: Several board members brought up the membership list on the TSBS web site as being out of date. Some of the members are not raising Texels anymore, have not paid their 2006 dues or have moved. There was a consensus that the membership list needed to be cleaned up to make it more current.

NEW BUSINESS:

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL TEXEL SHOW: Robert Stonerock stated that Larry Mead had sent a letter to Aynn Lackey back in mid

October and that he had spoken to Larry recently. Larry Mead needs to know what TSBS's health requirements are for the National Show and Sale NLT January 1, 2006. Larry recommended that TSBS to not make the requirements so stringent that it turns Texel breeders away. Discussion centered on TSBS's OPP testing requirement. Kerry read the past minutes from meetings back in 2003. TSBS moved and approved that all Texel Sheep exhibited at the National Show would be tested for OPP within 30 days of the sale and the test results disclosed. The board at that time did not make it mandatory for genotype testing but highly recommended it. Board members debated the OPP requirement and felt that the present requirement for all entries to be tested should be revised to reflect the recommendations of the OPP Society and knowledgeable DVMs. Lambs less than seven months old rarely test positive for OPP. However the test results of the dam of the lamb would be more meaningful. The board debated on the issue of an entry with an OPP positive test result and entries without OPP testing. There were differing ideas but all felt that the membership needed to be educated more about OPP. Kerry suggested that an article about OPP and the use of labs recommended by the OPP Society be included in our Texel Times newsletter. Robert Stonerock moved that TSBS update the health requirements for the national Texel Show & Sale. Seconded by Beverly Pearsall. Motion passed.

NATIONAL TEXEL SHOW: Robert Stonerock said that the judge for the 2007 open show is Billy Wade as per his conversation with Larry Mead. Robert Stonerock stated that Dr Juan Scalone of Uruguay is coming to Sedalia to see our Texel show and suggested that he be utilized as a guest speaker and/or a judge for the junior show. Dr Scalone raises 1,500 Texels in Uruguay and is very knowledgeable as well as enthusiastic about the breed. Last May, he flew up to North America and visited several Texel breeders in Ohio and Indiana but ran out of time to visit with breeders in Illinois. Kerry suggested that TSBS could provide his dinner at our annual membership meeting.

REGISTERED TEXELS AT THE NATIONAL SALE: Eugene Fisher asked about Registered Texels versus Recorded Texels at the National Sale. The board concurred that all consigned Texels must be registered. Recorded animals could not be sold.

TEXEL EMBRYOS: Kerry has made contact with Lou Nuti of Burton, Texas regarding his preserved Texel embryos that he would like to sell. Kerry has attempted to contact the Texel Society in New Zealand to verify the information that Mr. Nuti has provided. The embryos are ten years old and came from registered Texels in New Zealand. If the pedigrees of the embryos can be verified, TSBS will consider registering the offspring.

FOR THE GOOD OF TSBS: Ron Erdman suggested that we need a continuity folder or binder to remind the board of important tasks that need to be completed but sometimes falls through the cracks. Two recent examples are the articles of incorporation and the not for profit status. New board members would find it to be a helpful tool and assist the board in executing their duties and responsibilities.

MEETING DATES: The last Conference call for the year is scheduled at 7:30 PM Central time for the following date: *December 21st*.

Beverly Pearsall moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ron Erdman. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM Central time.

Respectively submitted,

Robert A. Stonerock

Treasurer