

Texel Sheep Breeders Society Minutes

Liberty Park, Shelter #1, Sedalia, Missouri June 20, 2006 7:00 PM

President Bob Adams called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Vice President Kerry Richardson (Illinois), Velsie Vest (Texas), David Vest (Texas), Brett Taylor (Iowa), Ron Erdman (Illinois), Jeff Arnold (Michigan), Robert Stonerock (Ohio), and Jose Luis Loyo H. (Mexico).

1. Bob Adams appointed Robert Stonerock as the acting secretary to record the minutes of the meeting in the absence of secretary Aynn Lackey.
2. Bob Adams distributed the minutes from the annual meeting conducted on June 21, 2005. Jeff Arnold moved to accept and approve the minutes. Seconded by Velsie Vest. Minutes approved.
3. Bob Adams distributed the Treasurer's report in the absence of treasurer Rob Morris. Aynn Lackey prepared a very detailed, nine page treasurer's report. As of June 13, 2006 our balance is \$2,440.31. Velsie Vest moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Ron Erdman. Treasurer's Report approved.
4. Bob Adams distributed the results of the TSBS survey. No discussion followed.
5. Bob Adams distributed information about the TSBS website hits and what regions of the US and the world were accessing the information. No discussion followed.
6. Kerry Richardson gave a show report. Bob Adams thanked Kerry Richardson and Robert Stonerock for their efforts with the show and the picnic. Kerry had donated and prepared a lamb roast that was very delicious and well received. Bob recommended that a job description be written for the Sales Manager position for the TSBS.
7. Bob Adams gave a Youth Show report in Tammy Weaver's absence. Only two youths were in attendance at the National Texel Show. Diedra and Kara Stonerock showed in the Open Show since there were not enough youth for a Youth Show. A Youth Show is to be held at the Indiana State Fair for the Midwest Regional Group. The Indiana State Fair has been receptive to the idea of a Texel Youth Show.
8. Bob Adams spoke about the Regional Texel Groups. The Western and Midwestern Groups are active. There is a need for an active Eastern Regional Texel Group.

Old Business

None

New Business

Kerry Richardson moved to keep the National Texel Show and Sale in Sedalia, Missouri for the years 2007-2008. Brett Taylor Seconded the motion. Discussion was in favor of the keeping the sale in Sedalia. Larry Mead has done a great job of promoting the sale and the Texel breed. A two-year period is better for planning purposes than just one year. Motion passed.

Velsie Vest moved that the TSBS look into moving the web administration to an independent web administrator. Brett Taylor seconded the motion. Discussion was in favor of the possible move due to the current contract was about to expire and that an outside administrator would be free of any “conflict of interest” that could arise. A precedent has already been established with the use of Karey Cleghorn as the Texel Registrar. Motion passed.

Kerry Richardson moved that Aynn Lackey stay on as the Secretary of TSBS until her position is filled. Velsie Vest seconded the motion. Discussion was about Aynn resigning as the secretary and the transition period that would follow with a new president and vice president. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Ron Erdman distributed copies of the tentative Texel Breed Standard. Discussion was to post the standards to the TSBS web site. Every member shall be mailed a copy of the breed standard. Ron said that the committee recognized that the USA Texels are a composite of Texels from Holland, Great Britain, France, New Zealand and Belgium. The breed standard is broad enough to allow for the differences in Texels but to promote the heavy muscling, wide bodies, large loin eyes and more meat in the hindquarters.

Ron Erdman discussed the By-Law Committee. Aynn Lackey is rewriting the By-Laws. The committee identified a need to rewrite the By-Laws in order that decisions could be made and not hampered by restrictions.

TSBS Election

Bob Adams discussed his resignation as the President of TSBS for health reasons. He spoke about the need for the new officers to move the club forward, to increase the membership and revenues, to promote the Texel breed and to keep the Texels free of OPP. *(Bob had some major accomplishments during his tenure as President: Publishing and distributing the TSBS Membership Guide to every member, and the creation of many working committees. We have Bob to thank for taking the TSBS to higher standard!)*

Bob Adams opened the floor for nominations for President.

Robert Stonerock nominated Ron Erdman. Ron declined.

Ron Erdman nominated Kerry Richardson. Kerry accepted the nomination.

Velsie Vest nominated Brett Taylor. Brett declined.
Jeff Arnold moved that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Velsie Vest. Kerry Richardson declared the winner of the office of president.

Bob Adams opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President.
Velsie Vest nominated Brett Taylor. Brett accepted the nomination.
Jeff Arnold moved that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Velsie Vest.
Brett Taylor declared the winner of the office of vice-president.

Guest Speaker

Bob Adams turned the floor over to Jose Luis Loyo H. of Mexico. Jose is a member of the TSBS and makes an annual trip to Sedalia with his father to buy quality Texels and Dorper sheep. Jose and his father are both veterinarians but they do not practice outside of their ranch. Jose and his father have created a niche market for their sheep through direct marketing to restaurants and barbecue establishments. No middleman is involved in their marketing efforts. Their operation is a dry lot and they feed approximately 1,000 sheep. They buy US corn and soybeans. They are paying about \$160.00/ton for US corn. Some grains are bought locally. The area that they live in is not at all like a desert but consists of mountainous pastures that are favorable to grasses. Jose attends many state fairs in Mexico where he takes a string of sheep and goats. He shows and sells some livestock at the fairs and distributes his business cards. He often has customers return wanting to purchase his stock after they have held on to his business card for a few years. Jose holds a dual citizenship in both the US and Mexico. He plans to one day buy acreage in Texas. Jose passed out brochures from the World Sheep & Wool Congress that will be held in Queretaro, Mexico in July 2007. He invited all members of the TSBS down to partake in the events.

Jose was applauded and thanked for his appearance. The original guest speaker could not attend and Jose was asked to fill the position the same day.

Velsie Vest moved to adjourn the meeting. Brett Taylor seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is June 26, 2007 in Sedalia, Mo. Time and location TBA.

Respectively Submitted:

Robert A. Stonerock-Secretary