

NTSRI General Membership Meeting, Draft Minutes, May 25, 2013

Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio

55 members present

President Bill Kerns welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Regional Directors.

Introduction of Regional Directors and NTSRI Officers:

New Region 4 Director, Tom Mann and alternate, Kathy Niese from Region 4 were introduced, and Georgina Anderson, alternate from Region 5 was also introduced. Sheri Palko, could not be present at Wooster, she was recovering from a recent injury, Sheri is the new Director in Region 5.

The new NTSRI officers were announced, and they are Bill Kerns, President, Tom Mann, Vice President, and Sheri Palko, Secretary.

Redistricting:

Bill K. shared the plan for redistricting the states into 8 regions to create a more equitable division of members in each region. Members were concerned that with equal regions when Directors voted there could be tied votes. Bill shared that tie votes would result in a failed motion for want of a majority as detailed in the Constitution.

Breed Secretary Position:

The announcement was made that we were in need of appointing a breed secretary. This person/s would be paid \$1250.00 or half of this total if 2 people are appointed (one for newsletter and one for general secretarial support). This person/s will be responsible for publishing the newsletter, maintaining the NTSRI membership database, serve as a liaison between NTSRI and Associated Registries, and be able to use the internet to communicate with members and have excellent Microsoft Office skills. The job description and application will be posted on the website in July.

NTSRI Breed Directory:

The Banner reported that the 2013 Directory is 99% complete. There were a few loose ends that needed to be tied up soon. Members would receive their ad proofs very soon. It was still possible to place an ad in the directory at that time. It was to be updated by June 10th.

Website:

The Website was receiving 50 hits a day and members should give Kathy Niese any changes that they have for their farms.

Pay-Pal:

Members are using Pay-pal to register sheep and should call Sharon Kerns if they have any problems.

Youth Committee:

Rachel Schambow and Trisch, Jessica, Ashley, and Morgan, members of the youth committee were present at the meeting. Rachel reported that the youth would be selling Raffle tickets at all the major shows this season. Prizes will be \$250.00, \$150.00 and \$100.00. The youth committee would be offering a sale credit at the Sale Sunday for any member under 21, of NTJA.

Transition of the Treasury:

Bill announced that he will be working with Kris to transition the Treasury, to Kris over the next couple of months. Congratulations to Kris for agreeing to do this.

Constitution Review:

The BOD announced that they approved Kelly Stumpe's request to form a committee to review the constitution. Richard Schambow and Kelly Stumpe, have agreed to work on this. Additional volunteers are welcome.

Volunteerism in NTSRI:

Bill shared that volunteers are very important to our association and he would encourage anyone who is interested in any of the committees to participate.

NAILE Update:

Sue Anderson announced that the Open Tunis Show at NAILE will be held November 19, 8:00 am. Sue has been working to get premiums increased at NAILE this year. NAILE officials took Sue's request under advisement but in the end there were no additional funds for premiums from NAILE this year. Sue's goal is to raise between \$600.00 and \$800.00 to increase premiums at NAILE. Sue sent letters to several Agriculture businesses asking them to sponsor classes for increased premiums. To date 3 companies have responded, they were not able to give her any money, but have generously offered items that she could raffle off to raise the money. Raffle tickets will sell 3 for \$5.00, and 100% of the profits will be used for premiums.

Also concerning NAILE, it was recommended that the \$8.00 premium be able to be paid through paypal. Bill was planning to look into this and hopefully have this ready for 2013. Check the web site for updates.

Show and Sale Committee

It was suggested that we award Senior and Junior Championships. Eric Bruns and Richard Schambow related some of the positive attributes to doing this. The Show and Sale Committee will investigate this possibility for future major shows.

Futurity

Dan Erwin discussed the idea of increasing the fee for individual farm sales. Lacey Allen will be working with the Futurity program moving forward.

Robin Swartz moved to adjourn the meeting.