

NTSRI General Membership Meeting

November 18, 2014

NAILE

The Board of Directors present at the *General Membership* meeting included: Georgina Anderson (Pres.), Tom Mann (V. Pres.), Lyn Murray, Robin Swartz, Jeff Munsey, Bill Kerns, and Kris Mann (Sec.).

The Board of Directors announced that they were not moving forward with any Constitutional Amendments at this time.

Lacey Allen is our only NTJA leader at this time as Jessica Murray resigned. Lacey was unavailable for the general membership meeting, so Jeff Munsey discussed the youth activities. There was a Tunis Queen & Princess contest held during the NAILE Junior Show. Emily Burns was chosen Queen, Morgan Munsey was chosen Princess. Members discussed that there were some youth that were unaware of this contest and requested that information be put on the web-site for youth activities. There was a Grand Prize payout for the Junior show of \$750.00. The Grand Champion Ewe & Ram each received a check for \$250.00, the Reserve Champion Ewe & Ram each received a check for \$100.00, and the First Place Flock received a check for \$50.00. There was general discussion on how to get more youth involved with Tunis sheep. It was requested that the futurity standings be updated more frequently.

Kathy Niese gave a brief update on the Ladies of Tunis. The Ladies of Tunis is open to any woman 21 years of age or older. The Ladies of Tunis will be sponsoring the Yearling Jackpot show in 2015. They are also working on developing Regional Mentors for the Tunis youth.

The new NTSRI display board was discussed. It will be a tri-fold display with a header that can be easily changed. Georgina Anderson asked for member input on what they would like to see included on the display. Ideas included: calendar of events for the current show, map of the USA with markers for Tunis breeders,

pictures of the youth representatives, Tunis history, Tunis breed characteristics and traits, promotion of youth, membership numbers, BOD names and numbers for each region, a copy of the directory, and use of color photographs.

A suggestion was made that the Tunis youth have a Sr. & Jr. Champion for the Ewe Classes next year. Sue Anderson has a suggestion box at her pens for any suggestions concerning the NAILE show.

Discussion was held about the on-line sales vs. traditional sales and the effect on the NTSRI budget. Members also discussed the possible revival of the Stars of Louisville sale. It was asked if NTSRI can raise the floor on minimum bids at the National Show & Sale and at Stars of Louisville sale. Georgina Anderson is going to contact Deacon about the timing on those changes. The possibility of adding a seller fee and/or a buyer fee to the sale was also discussed. The Stars of Louisville sale is for ewes only, but includes ewes up to 4 years of age. There must at least 20 ewes sold for the NTSRI to break even at the Stars of Louisville sale.