



NTSRI Inc. BOD MEETING Draft Minutes March 24, 2013

Attendees: Bill Kerns, Eric Irvine, Dan Erwin, Paul Cassell, Doug Garey, and Tammie Serafin, Kathy Niese, Lacey Allen, Linda Whitenack, Carolyn Hart, Jeff Munsey, Maryann McDonough, Anne Marie Chapdelaine.

Member's Discussion Time: Anne Marie Chapdelaine called with concerns regarding several issues. She was concerned that 1. There was not a futurity update on the NTSRI website. Dan E. stated that he will have the information to Sharon by April 15, 2013. 2. She was also concerned that NTSRI has not had Tunis Notes in the Banner for the last couple of months. Tammie S. stated that this duty has slipped through the cracks and she will submit an article for NTSRI this week and the future. Bill K. also stated that he, Sharon, and Kathy Niese will submit articles as well. 3. She was also concerned that the American Tunis Sheep Registry had "attached" themselves to NTJA. (Discussion appears in Youth Committee notes)

Minutes:

The minutes from the 1-27-2013 meeting were reviewed and recommended changes were made. Motion to accept by: Dan Erwin, 2nd: by Doug Gary; Motion passed unanimously

Treasurers Report:

- Bill K. presented the Treasurer report: Current Balance: \$18,586.00. Full report will be prepared for presentation at Wooster.
- Bill K. stated that transition of the treasury to Kris Swihart has been slower than expected. Kris has a new computer, and Quicken program, following training Bill anticipates transition to Kris will be made by the end of April. Kris is also still working on the Notary paperwork for signature authority
- Bill K. reported that the junior account is fully functional; all signature cards have been signed. The current balance is \$1609. Motion to transfer 2013 monies as budgeted was made by Tammie S. and seconded by Eric I. Motion passed unanimously.

Audit Report

- Walter Clark completed the audit on the treasury; he reported all was in order and organized with no issues.

Election Report

- Maryann McDonough reported on the election for Region 4 and 5. On January 28, thirty-two letters were mailed to paid members in region 4 and twenty-nine letters were mailed to paid members in region 5. The nominations closed on February 16. On March 1, thirty-four members in region 4, and 30 members in region 5 were mailed ballots. (Eric Kleman a member from region 7 moved into region 5, and he requested to receive a ballot, so there was

one more ballot sent in this mailing as a result). Ballots were written on numbered, watermark paper and mailed with a self addressed stamped envelope. When ballots are returned the number will be cut off of the ballot and attached to the return envelope. Maryann, assured that anonymity of the voter will be strictly upheld. Maryann reported that it has taken as long as 5 days for mail to arrive after a postmarked deadline, and asked the BOD to allow extra time for ballots to arrive. BOD agreed to allow this, and she will count the ballots on Saturday, March 30, 2013. Maryann reported that 64 ballots were mailed to both regions and 33 have been returned. Maryann will open and count the votes in front of Attorney Joseph Major, on the March 30th. He will certify the election count that day; Maryann will then notify the new regional directors and alternates of the outcome of the election and the BOD. As it is Easter weekend the results of the election will not be available on the website until Monday, April 1, 2013.

Youth Committee

- **NTJA**

Lacey Allen represented NTJA, she reported that juniors are working on a couple of fundraisers this year. She stated that the NTJA BOD was contacted by Dale Huhnke about the development of a 2014 Tunis calendar. There has been much confusion about the preparation of the calendar as it has been on hold for NTJA. Lacey said that the NTJA BOD members did not realize that Dale wasn't acting as part of NTSRI, and they felt very confused and uncomfortable with the situation. Lacey also reported that the new Tunis Registry, ATR, sent information packets to all of the juniors. After a lengthy discussion, the BOD agreed that help from any group would be welcomed and requested that non-NTSRI groups acknowledge that the NTJA is a part of NTSRI in public disclosures.

Bill K will write a letter to junior families explaining the requirements and benefits of being an NTSRI member. It was also agreed that any support for NTJA is beneficial and will be accepted and appreciated as long as donations made to the NTJA treasurer follow the rules regarding our non-for-profit status and the NTJA treasurer keeps the NTSRI treasurer informed of deposits to the account, for accounting purposes

- **Futurity**

Dan E. will have the final rules and forms to Sharon by April 15, 2013 for posting on the web site, in time for the first spring sale. Paul Cassell offered help from the BOD to get this completed if Dan needs it. The forms were prepared and submitted to the Committee for comment in January 2013.

- **Scholarships**

Dan E. reported that he has not received any applications for NTSRI Scholarships. It was moved by Paul Cassell and 2nd by Tammie S. that the application deadline be extended through May 1, 2013. The motion passed unanimously. Bill K. will post the change on the website.

- **Leadline**

Bill K. said the award for Makayla Pitman, Ohio was sent to her, but we have not received her paperwork yet, Dan will follow up with her to get that completed.

Show and Sale Committee

- Eric I. confirmed Georgina Anderson, Troy Staples, Kate Lambert and Shelly Long will be on the show and sale committee. He is still looking for another person from the Midwest to participate on the committee. Jeff Munsey has volunteered and waiting to hear from the committee.

- Linda Whitenack updated the BOD about OTSA plans for Wooster, an article and a banquet reservation from will appear in the next newsletter. Linda or Kathy will help schedule a room for the next BOD meeting. It will be held at 12:00 noon Friday, May 24.

Linda reported that OTSA will purchase Banners or Plaques for the high selling ram and ewe breeder and buyer and asked that NTSRI provide champion and reserve banners for those winners. Paul C. said that those have already been purchased and we could add our order to theirs and OTSA will send NTSRI the money for the banners OTSA purchased.

The membership meeting will be held 1 hour after the Tunis show in a location separate of the NTJA pizza party, also to be held 1 hour after the Tunis show.

- A budget of \$250.00 was approved for a Subway lunch at Wooster during the show. NTSRI will provide sandwiches and drinks on Saturday. Motion to approve: Paul C. 2nd, Dan E. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion about the National Sale for 2014 was tabled until the BOD meeting in Wooster.
- The request from Ohio Tunis Sheep Association to host the National Show in 2014 was granted. Paul C. moved to accept the show request; Tammie S. 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Redistricting Discussion

- Tammie S. stated after discussion with members in her region she could support the proposal to redistrict. The proposal will be discussed further at Wooster and a final vote will be taken at NAILE 2013.

Publicity/Advertisement Committee

- Tammie has been in touch with Banner Sales Management about the Banner ad. We will use the ad from last year and only update the calendar of events in the page.
- Tammie will publish an article in Tunis Notes in all upcoming issues of the Banner.
- Tammie would like to place ads in other sheep publications, such as: Sheep Magazine, The Banner Sheep Magazine, and possibly Hobby Farm. Tammy can advertise in any publication with the funds available. Paul C. moved to add \$700.00 to the current \$300.00 budget to

return advertising budget back to \$1000.00 for 2013. Tammie 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Website update

- Bill reported for Sharon, that the website is getting 50 visits a day and is linked to 20 other search engines.
- A decision to allow a link from other websites will be granted as long as the requesting site offers a bi-lateral agreement. No cost will be involved.
- Navigation of the membership directory was discussed. Bill K. will write instructions for navigation of the directory for the website. We will be adding a page by sorted by state per member's request.

Secretarial Support/Membership List Mgmt/Newsletter/AR Liaison/Directory Publication

- Kathy reported that only one member with an email address requested to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. We will continue to support the decision to only send hard copies of the newsletter to members who do not have email.
- Kathy asked that the BOD approve the rate chart for the newsletter, Paul C. moved to accept, Tammie 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Bill K. will work with the webmaster to get this form up on the website.

New Alternate for Region 7

- Eric Kleman moved to Georgia and has resigned as alternate of region 7. Eric I. moved to accept the resignation; 2nd Tammie S.
- Tammie S. recommended Kate Lambert as alternate for Region 7. Eric I. moved to accept recommendation, 2nd Carolyn Hart. Motion passed unanimously.

Administration Stipend

- It was determined that NTSRI has a need for a Breed Secretariy. There will be a stipend of \$1250.00 for this position. Kathy Niese will send Paul C. the job description for this position. He will create an ad to be placed in the newsletter for the position.