

## **NTSRI Inc. BOD MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** 27 January 2013 – 3PM EST

Members of the board attending: Bill Kerns, Eric Irvine, Dan Erwin, Paul Cassell, Doug Garey, and Tammie Serafin

Absent: Robin Swartz

Other members on the line, Kathy Niese, Kris Swihart, Jeff Munsey, Rachel Schambow, and Lacey Allen

### **Member /Discussion:**

No members presented any topics for discussion.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the 11-10-2012 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to accept by: Paul Cassell, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tammie Serafin

### **Treasurer Report:**

Bill K. presented the 2012 Treasurer report: Current Balance: \$21,645.10 No additions or corrections were made to the report.

Bill K. proposed the 2013 Income and Expense Budget. Looking at current account balances it was recommended that the youth scholarship fund be increased. The 2013 Budget proposed \$1000.00 would be made available to seniors graduating from high school in 2013. Following discussion, Eric Irvine moved that we raise the scholarship amount to \$3,000, (Award of \$1,000/ each) motion seconded by Doug G. -motion passed unanimously. Following this adjustment in the Budget, the 2013 Budget was approved unanimously.

Paul C. moved that the scholarship recipient did not need to be a high school senior, but anyone who is seeking a degree in postsecondary education, and who has not ever received the NTSRI scholarship, would be eligible to apply for the scholarship. Eric Irvine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Dan E. will write a new paragraph for the newsletter reflecting the changes to the scholarship, and Bill K, will update the scholarship form on the website.

Bill K. reported that after some initial difficulty connecting with Kris Swihart, that they are now on track to transfer the Treasury to Kris. A Quicken program has been ordered and the process will begin to transfer operations to Kris by the end of April.

## **Audit / Election**

Robin S. was not present so Bill K. informed the BOD, MaryAnn McDonough, (Region 1), will serve as the election officer for the Region 4 and 5 elections. Bill stated that he and Kathy Niese have updated the current membership list and he will send MaryAnn the membership list for Region 4 and 5. MaryAnn, will send the nomination letters by the end of the month.

Walter Clark will conduct the Treasury Audit for 2012 and will report back to the committee at the next meeting in March.

## **Youth Committee**

### **NTJA**

Rachel Schambow, reported that Jessica Swihart and Trisch Blum have signed the signature cards for the NTJA checking account. This notarized information should be sent to Bill K. so he can complete the junior bank account set up with Bank of America.

Rachel reported that the youth would conduct a yearlong raffle as a fund raiser that would begin at Wooster and continue through NAILE. The raffle amounts would be for \$250.00, \$150.00 and \$100.00.

Tammie S. asked what their plans were for Wooster and Rachel said that they were working on something but it would be decided later.

The youth would also be doing a service project to benefit "Dare to Care". The youth will conduct a canned food drive, and they will contact junior members from the Hampshire and Shropshire Sheep Associations to participate in a "competition" between the breeds to collect more cans.

Rachel also reported that committees have been formed for each of the junior shows this year and the group developed and officially passed By-laws for NTJA. Rachel will send to Sharon to be placed on the website.

## **Futurity/Scholarship/Leadline**

The question about continuing to pay the premiums for Leadline was discussed. It was decided that more members participated in Leadline since we offered the premium, and in general everyone felt like it was important to continue to pay premiums for these classes. Dan E. moved to continue to offer premiums, Eric I. seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Scholarships were discussed along with the budget, and it was decided to offer 3, for \$1000.00 each. These scholarships are available to anyone seeking a degree in postsecondary education, as long as the scholarship application and appropriate paperwork is submitted on time, and they have never received an NTSRI scholarship before. The new deadline for the scholarship is March 31, 2013 and the forms will be updated by Bill K. on the website.

Dan E. said that the Futurity will be wrapped up by January 31, 2013. Kyle MacCauley was the winner, and will be featured in the Banner in February. Dan reported that he received late futurity

reports on January 5, and 7, but they were past the deadline and will not included in the totals for the count.

It was discussed whether to allow sheep to nominated for Futurity at privately sponsored sales, such as Uptown Farms online sale and Eric Irvine's private treaty sale. It was agreed that Futurity Sheep could be nominated as long as:

- The Sale was a public sale open to everyone.
- Sheep must be nominated before the Sale begins.
- The money for the nominations will be sent to the treasury following each sale. Tammie said that she could collect at Uptown's sale.
- Fall lambs are allowed.

Tammie S. proposed that she would volunteer to collect futurity money for sheep nominated at the Nugget, and that Eric I. will take care of his sale and Kate Lambert will take of her sale.

Bill requested the changes be sent to him to update the website.

### **Show/Sale Committee**

Eric I. is working with Georgina Anderson and Shelley Long as part of his committee, he will have his committee confirmed by the next meeting, has made contacts with individuals who have not committed to be part of the Show and Sale committee yet, but will follow up and report at the meeting in March. Bill K, will have Sharon add Georgina and Shelley to the website.

Eric, did not have the Stars of Louisville Sale report with him at work, but will email the information. Bill K. said that the Sale netted a profit of about \$600.00.

It was recommended that the National Sale be held in Wooster in 2014 and that Ohio has requested the 2014 National Show be held at the Ohio State Fair. Eric I. stated that the Ohio State Fair will allow anyone to show in the Tunis Show, and they cannot make sure that NTSRI premiums will only go to NTSRI members. Eric I. recommended that a copy of the request from Ohio be sent to him. Bill K. to do. The Show/Sale Committee will report on 2014 venues at the next meeting.

### **Redistricting Report**

Robin S. was unavailable to give report. Bill K. offered the following proposal for consideration:

**Region 1**, currently has 46 members; consider moving the members from Eastern Canada to Region 2. This will leave 38 members in Region 1.

**Region 2** currently has 32 members and if the members from Eastern Canada are moved to Region 2, then they will have 40 members.

**Region 3**, has 42 members

**Region 4**, has 39 members

**Region 5**, has 42 members

**Region 6**, has 44 members

**Region 7**, has 65 members, consider, divide this region in half from North to South, create a New Region 7 (WI, MN, IA, MO, AR, LO, ND, SD, NB, KS, OK) with 33 members  
**New Region 8** (MT, WY, CO, NM, TX, ID, UT, AZ, WA, OR, NV, CA) will have 32 members

The membership will be contacted for input/opinions and information will also be published in the next newsletter. The matter will continue to be discussed and possibly acted on at Wooster.

#### **Publicity/Advertisement Committee-Needs to be reorganized**

Tammie S. agreed to take the lead in organizing this committee. It is her desire to promote NTSRI, as "YOUR NTSRI" and to be more "Visible" at events, offer door prizes, and hospitality. Tammie will review and suggest a plan for discussion at our next meeting.

#### **Website Update**

The photo contest currently offers a \$25.00 Visa Gift Card to the winner of the month. (Total cost is about \$30 to NTSRI after purchase and US mail). It was discussed whether this was a practice that we want to continue since the juniors are not planning to publish a calendar. Jeff Muncey said that the juniors contacted Dale Huhnke about doing the calendar and that they were considering it. Bill K, said he would follow up with Trisch and Rachel to confirm their intentions.

PMN: the NTJA has no immediate plans to take on the Tunis Calendar; therefore this project is on hold. As such, we will stop our financial prize for the winning photo; rather the monthly winners will be offered a free ad on the website.

It was discussed whether to continue to put regional show and county fair results on the website. It was decided to continue to do this, but it was up to the member to send Sharon Kerns the information and any pictures that the member wants to be included on the website. Information would be for the Champion or Reserve Champion winners at these shows.

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

Kathy N. reported that Barbara Cassell and Marianne Turcheck, have agreed to participate on the Newsletter Committee, and Georgina Anderson will contribute show and sale information as well as the calendar of upcoming events.

Kathy reported that the newsletter is ready to go to print pending BOD approval of the Ad Rate Chart, and changes that occurred during the BOD meeting. It was recommended that the newsletter eventually be emailed (PDF color copy) to all members that have a current email on file, and it will be mailed to those members who do not have email. The black and white hard copy of the newsletter will cost at a minimum of \$400.00 plus postage, to mail to the entire membership. In the next newsletter we will include a statement that says "This will be the last paper copy of the newsletter that you will receive if you have an active email address on file." If a member has email, but wants to receive a hard copy in the US mail, then they must let Kathy know of their needs before the next newsletter is printed.

The newsletter Ad Rate Chart was discussed briefly and will be reviewed/approved at the next meeting. Color Ads will only be available on the website unless there are at least 2 color ads placed in each issue. Members who place an ad that is 1/4 page or larger will be able to post their ad for free on the website.

The Banner Magazine staff is preparing to send letters to our membership by the first of February to begin the process of planning the annual Directory. The directory will be ready approximately by May 1 and no later than at Wooster. The new Directory will be mailed to all members. Bill K. will send Greg Deakin the membership list this week.

The BOD discussed the annual stipend for a person supporting the many functions noted above. Many options were discussed. The BOD agreed to go back to their members to solicit opinions and we would review at the next meeting. In the interim, a stipend of \$500/yr was agreed as this was the newsletter stipend in 2012. Bill K. will circulate a high level job description of this position for review. Completed after the meeting.

### **Letter to the Members from the BOD**

The letter to the members concerning the emergence of a new Tunis registry was reviewed. It was discussed and agreed that adults and juniors could show in NTSRI sponsored events without a membership, but their sheep must be registered with NTSRI at increased cost as defined on the existing Work Order form. Bill K. will make changes to the letter and send to Kathy for the newsletter.

The last item of business prior to adjourning was as follows: Dan Erwin moved to appoint a committee to examine alternative opportunities and costs for registration as our contract within Associated Registries will expire this year. Eric Irvine seconded and motion passed 4 to 2. Dan Erwin is to head up the committee with members from the membership and they are to report to board by July 1.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.**