

NTSRI Board Meeting

Final Minutes

March 2, 2014

Conference Call

Attendees:

Bill Kerns (BK), Walter Clark (WC), Tom Mann (TM), Georgina Anderson (GA), Kathy Niese (KN), Doug Garey (DG), Tammy Serafin (TS), Linda Whitenack (LW), Todd Brisco (TB), Sue Anderson (SA), Lacey Allen (LA), Jeff Munsey (JM), and Kris Mann (Secretary).

Minutes:

Minutes from the November 17 meeting at NAILE were approved. Motion by WC, 2nd by GA, unanimous approval.

Treasurer's report was given by BK, interim treasurer. 2013 budget was discussed and 2014 projected budget was discussed.

Advertising in the Sheep Magazine was discussed. Many on the board do not receive the magazine; it appears to be targeting mostly commercial flocks. TS is to look into getting ads for specific months and the costs for that.

The NTSRI will continue to hold the money budgeted for the youth shows until time that it is needed for those payments as the youth account has an adequate balance for now. The treasurer will watch the balance in the youth account to make sure that this is not a problem. TM made a motion to approve this, DG 2nd the motion, unanimous approval.

TM moved that 2014 budget be approved, WC 2nd the motion, motion to approve the budget passed unanimously.

Election Planning was led by TB.

Region 1 will be voting on Troy Staples, David Schambow, or Lisa Knight. Those ballots will go out soon and the results should be in by the end of March.

Region 3 only had one nomination; Walter Clark will retain that position. He proposed Mary Ann Turcheck as his alternate. DG moved to approve this, TM 2nd, motion was passed.

Region 6 only had one nomination; Jeff Munsey will fill that position. He will propose an alternate at the meeting in Wooster.

New Region 7 only had one nomination, Lynn Murray. Lynn will also propose an alternate in Wooster.

New Region 8 was not up for election but has no alternate from May 2014. TS will be proposing LA as alternate at Wooster.

TB proposed that in the future, nomination ballots would be less confusing if there was a place for the person nominating to put their name. DG moved to make that part of the election SOP, TM 2nd, motion passed. BK and TB will update the SOP and post to the web site.

Membership Survey was discussed at NAILE. There was some confusion as to who would be pushing this forward. KL would like help on this project. GA is willing to help but would like NTSRI direction. BK would be happy to help and review the proposed questions. A list of possible questions is to be ready for board review at Wooster.

Youth Committee leadership was discussed. Jessica Mury's resume was reviewed and discussed. TM moved that Jessica Mury and LA be appointed as co-leaders. DG 2nd that motion, motion passed.

LA would like the NTJA members to vote on their officers in 2015. Rachel Schambow sent a letter to all Tunis junior members asking if they would be interested in being directors in the NTJA. Rachel Schambow and Jasmine Allen are the only juniors who have responded at this time.

LA would like to see each show have a committee leader who would arrange a show party and get Grand Champion awards for that show. BK suggested that these changes would have to be made in the NTJA by-laws.

JM stated that it is critical for adults to be involved in the Junior association and to direct the kids. Jeff and Julie had to call the Junior kids to get directors the last time around. Contact information is posted in the Directory with most current information on the web site.

Futurity discussion was led by LA. Final results of current futurity were waiting on the results from the PA farm show. There were 10 kids with 13 sheep that sent in forms this year. There was \$832 accounted for in the NTJA treasury for the futurity. LA requested that the amount be increased to \$1000. GA moved to make that increase, WC 2nd the motion, motion passed. Checks will be mailed to the winners in March—BK.

The situation with competing organizations was discussed. Papers from AR will be transferred with the normal transfer fee. Money to support the shows will be 50/50 if possible but the youth monies will not be cut.

National Sale & Show in Wooster. LW said there is a welcome dinner planned as in the past. There will be a catered dinner on Saturday evening and leftovers from that dinner at the show on Sunday.

National Show is at the Ohio State Fair this year. Move-in for sheep is on July 30, the Ohio junior show is on Thursday, July 31, and the National Show is on Friday, August 1 around 2 PM. The Ohio Tunis association will have a hospitality area during the show and possibly a reception after the show. The Ohio association is also have a raffle for a weekend getaway; tickets are \$5 each or 5/ \$20.

NAILE premiums and funding were discussed. GA moved that the NTSRI put \$500 toward premiums in 2014. TM 2nd motion, motion passed. NAILE junior classes and payouts were discussed. SA and the show & sale committee are to make the decisions to on these. The Star of Louisville Tunis sale was

discussed. GA is to check with Troy Staples and report back to SA with an answer on this. They are also to check into possibly having a National online sale shortly before NAILE so that animals could be transported there for pickup/ delivery. The \$8 per head entry payable to NTSRI to show at NAILE will remain in place to be paid by Nov. 1. The \$50 penalty for not paying on time will also remain in place. If the monies are not paid by show time, the animals will not be able to show as stated in the premium book.

Jackpot Show for 2014 has 9 farms and 37 lambs still in. The next payment to keep the sheep in is due on April 10th. Entries for 2015 will be due in July/August. BK and Sharon have been heading this up. A volunteer will be needed to take over if this is going to continue.

The scholarship committee has not received and applications yet per DG. The deadline is April 15th. The forms are online and there are 3 scholarships available to NTJA youth.

There are 135 NTSRI members who have not renewed since 2012. Sharon Kerns has a letter drafted to send out to those former members to try to recapture some memberships. The BOD asked that the financial advantage of membership for registrations be added to the letters before mailing them.

Advertising. A volunteer will be needed to replace BK after Wooster for writing articles for the Banner. TS is to check in to sending things to Dale Huhnke's magazine as he indicated to TM at NAILE that he would be willing to publish information from NTSRI. The idea of putting additional ads in the Banner in April for the National Show & Sale was discussed. KN will be writing an article to put up on the website. PMN: Sharon arranged to have a collage of youth and lambs for the April Banner at no cost to NTSRI.

Directory. DG did not talk to Dale Huhnke yet regarding prices to publish the NTSRI directory. Also was missing the information on the Hampshire association publisher. TM is to get quotes and email them to the current and new BOD members. PMN: 2014 Directory is targeted for August 2014; Banner will be in touch with the membership for advertisements. Last year the Directory only cost NTSRI about \$250 for mailing to the membership.

Constitutional Review. KN emailed the proposed changes to BOD members tonight. BOD is to review and respond to KN. Included were changes to membership voting, youth membership voting, defining a quorum to be at least 3 directors, and the removal of regional directors if they or their alternate are not present at 2 consecutive meetings.

SOP Committee business was postponed until Wooster.

Next BOD meeting is set for Friday, May 23rd at 6 PM at the National Sale & Show in Wooster. LW is to check on using the dining hall at that time.