

AGSS General Membership Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2016

President Martin Dally called the meeting to order with Theresa Daignault, Martin Dally, Lynn Wilkins, Heidi Quist, Shelley Nussbaum, Jeff & Christine Ahlseen, and Susie Wilson present.

The minutes of the last general membership meeting held on 12/30/2014 were approved unanimously with Shelley making the motion which Susie seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Our prior balance was \$3835.06. Today we have \$2429.06 Susie moved the Treasurer's report be accepted. Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The cost per person for the SpinOff ad is \$90.

Martin gave the group an update on semen availability in the US. There is a possibility some semen could be available for LAI November 2016, but semen should be available for 2017.

Martin asked for discussion on sheep sales and sheep prices.

Shelley gave a report on the results of the Gotland show at Maryland Flock and Fiber. She reported that the Gotland breed had many positive comments both in the show ring and from attendees.

Shelley reported she will not be doing the breed display at the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival this year. Volunteers are needed to do the breed display. Contact Shelley if you would like to participate. It was also noted that Shelley has brochures available to members for any breed displays at sheep shows.

Martin reported that he was not able to find a venue to host the 2016 National Gotland Sheep Show. Wisconsin Sheep and Fiber was interested but Martin did not think he could guarantee the number of sheep required to hold a show there.

Christine reported that she had been contacted by the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival about hosting a 2016 Gotland National Wool competition. If we chose to participate that show will feature the Gotland breed at their 2017 show. Rhinebeck is held the third week in October. Members wishing to participate can register online at <http://sheepandwool.com/>. Fleeces can be sent to Shelley Nussbaum and she will take them to the show, but the exhibitor must enter them online. There will be classes for ewe fleeces, lamb fleeces, and best three fleeces by an exhibitor. Shelley's address is 200 Casino Drive, Farmingdale, NJ 07727. Shelley made a motion to designate the 2016 American Gotland Sheep Society National Wool Show be held at the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival. Martin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Martin spoke briefly concerning the expulsion of a former member of the AGSS due to unethical conduct. The expulsion is for 10 years and was done to preserve the integrity of the breed.

Martin announced he has met his term limits as president and encouraged the group to seek new candidates for the October election. Lynn noted that the West and East Time Zone Directors had also met their term limits and new candidates were needed for those positions.

Shelly moved the meeting be adjourned. Heidi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted

Lynn Wilkins, Secretary

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