

AGSS Board of Directors Meeting

November 28, 2016

Board Members Present:

President; Martin Dally

VP; Susie Wilson

Secretary; Jessica Duncan

Treasurer; Absent

Eastern; Jeff Ahlseen

Central; Heidi Quist

Western; Gale Johnson

Canada; Veronica Verweij

Meeting Called to Order 5:45 PST by VP Susie Wilson

Minutes from May 31, 2016; Approved Unanimously

Treasurer Report; None

Old Business:

Election Results to take effect Jan 1, 2017. President; Leah Hoenen, Secretary; Jessica Duncan, Pacific TZ Director; Martin Dally, Eastern TZ Director Teresa Daignault

Website Update; The website team consists of Heidi Quist, Leah Hoenen, and Theresa Daignalt. They are in the process of distributing a Request for Proposal to find a new web designer/maintainer. The pros and cons of updating the current website while waiting for the new one were discussed. A budget for building and maintaining the website needs to be determined and considered during the selection process. Also needed is an up-to-date list of members, addresses, and websites for the AGSS web page. Jessica will work on developing this list and having it ready by Jan 15, 2017.

A motion was made by Jessica to distribute the Request for Proposal within the next week, with a deadline to respond with Proposals by Jan 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Veronica and passed unanimously.

A second motion was made by Susie to authorize 2 hours of work by Dave Kulas at \$66/hr (\$132.00 total) to update the current web page. Dave will be made aware of this and the updated member information provided no later than Jan 15, 2017, with website update to occur ASAP after that. The motion was seconded by Martin and passed unanimously.

AccuRegister:

Martin updated us with progress concerning AccuRegister. There has been some confusion regarding AGSS ruling to use 100% Gotland in calculating genetic percentage for all rams at or above 96.5%. Jessica will write a letter of explanation to clear this up, as well as to request the wording "North American Purebred (100%) to appear below the ram's name. In the same letter, AccuRegister is to be made aware that when codon test results are provided, verification in the form of laboratory reports

must be submitted for the resistance genes to be reported on the pedigree. The need for an inbreeding coefficient on the pedigree was discussed, as well as AGSS desire to have pedigrees available online. A motion was made by Martin Dally to authorize up to \$400.00 to be paid to AccuRegister for the purpose of developing a method of calculating and reporting inbreeding coefficients on the pedigrees. The motion was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously. Once established, the coefficient will be reported on all new registration papers. Members who wish to have the coefficient on currently registered animals will have to order a duplicate registration through AccuRegister once this service is available.

Written authorization to AccuRegister will be provided by Jessica.

New Business:

National Wool Show Report; The show was considered a great success, with very high turnout by AGSS. 11 breeders were represented, with 5 tables and 75 fleeces. A vast majority of the fleeces were "blue", reflecting their high quality.

Spinoff Magazine; The full page add was placed as planned. We will see whether an increase in interest in Gotlands results.

Semen Importation; Martin Dally provided a detailed report on his ongoing efforts to allow more Gotland (and others!) semen to be imported. Currently USDA regulations are onerous and extremely difficult. The result is that at this time there are no EU producers able to meet the requirements within a timeframe that will allow collection and importation for 2017. The chances that any new semen will be imported in 2017 are very slim. Martin's efforts are ongoing, and AGSS support in terms contacting Congress may be needed in the future.

The next meeting (the first meeting conducted by the newly elected Board) will be conducted in January.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff at 7:00 PM, PST, seconded by Susie and passed unanimously.