

American Gotland Sheep Society

Board of Directors Meeting

December 12, 2014

President Martin Dally called the meeting to order with Margaret Fryatt, Susie Wilson, Dave Kulas, Lynn Wilkins, Gale Johnson, Shelley Nussbaum, and member Heidi Quist present. Maryanne Holmes joined the meeting later.

Shelley moved the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as submitted. Susie seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Dally – Yes, Wilson – Yes, Wilkins – Yes, Nussbaum – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Kulas – Yes, Fryatt – Yes.

Shelley gave the Treasurer's Report which showed a prior balance of \$2636.49 on 11/5/2014. \$55 has been received for dues. Accuregister sent us \$111 and \$105 was paid to Accuregister. The balance in our account is \$2697.49. Margaret moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented, Susie seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Dally – Yes, Wilson – Yes, Wilkins – Yes, Nussbaum – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Kulas – Yes, Fryatt – Yes.

Under member input, Maryanne Holmes addressed the Board of Directors concerning the issue of getting the Swedish semen approved and asked that the process be completed soon.

Under Old Business it was decided to hold the annual membership meeting on Tuesday, December 30, 2014.

A lengthy discussion was held which involved Dave asking Martin why the Ram Approval Committee had not met in the 11 months since the information for Polly's AI ram approval had been submitted. Martin said they would make a decision soon.

Shelly moved that Martin had no bias in the Swedish ram approval issue and that he will stay in the discussion of the approval. Gale seconded the motion which passed with the following vote. Dally – Abstain, Wilson – Yes, Wilkins – No, Nussbaum – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Kulas – Abstain, Fryatt – Yes.

Martin moved that we accept the Swedish semen that is in Polly's possession as of December 12, 2014. Therefore, any progeny resulting from the use of this semen after December 12, 2014 can be considered for recording or registering in the AGSS Registry the dam is registered or recorded with the AGSS. Lynn asked why we were taking this vote as the bylaws did not state that the Board of Directors are to vote on approving AI rams. Shelley stated that the above was a recommendation to the Ram Approval Committee. Gale seconded the motion. Dally – Abstain, Wilson – No, Wilkins – Yes, Nussbaum – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Kulas – Yes, Fryatt – Yes.

On the issue of 501(c)3 status process, Shelley will look into if the status is required for our organization and if so what the process is. (Margaret Fryatt lost connection with the meeting at this point.)

Shelley asked if the AGSS was going to advertise in the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival catalog. Shelley moved we advertise in the catalog. Martin seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Dally – Yes, Wilson – Yes, Wilkins – Yes, Nussbaum – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Kulas – Yes.

Under bylaw amendments, under 6.4 Terms of Directors, it was decided adding the wording "in the same position as President...." be submitted to the membership for consideration. Prior to the next election the staggering of terms will be discussed. It was decided that under 4.2d, associate membership, the wording "nor register, record, or transfer animals" be added. Under 4.6 Expulsion of Members: It was decided to add "Any member subject to expulsion shall have the right to be present for all discussion regarding the expulsion and will have the right to address the Board of Directors." The ballot with the proposals in their entirety as presented to the membership for vote will be attached to these minutes when the voting is completed.

Martin reported that it had been discovered a ram from the Swedish semen had erroneously been issued registration papers. He had contacted Accuregister and they contacted the member that the registration papers were being pulled.

Susie asked about a meeting in January 2015 to discuss opening the borders to importation of semen. Martin confirmed the meeting has been scheduled and he will be attending.

Shelly moved the meeting be adjourned. Susie seconded the motion. Dally – Yes, Wilson – Yes, Wilkins – Yes, Nussbaum – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Kulas – Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Wilkins, Secretary

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