

American Gotland Sheep Society

Annual Membership Meeting

December 30, 2014

Unapproved Minutes

President Martin Dally called the meeting to order with Margaret Fryatt, Staci Holtby, Gale Johnson, Shelley Nussbaum, Dave Kulas, Jeff Ahlseen, Susie Wilson, and Lynn Wilkins. Polly Matzinger joined the meeting later.

The minutes of the previous AGSS General Membership Meeting were approved with no additions or corrections. Susie moved the minutes be accepted as submitted. Shelly seconded the motion which passes with a unanimous vote. Fryatt – yes, Holtby – yes, Johnson – yes, Nussbaum – yes, Kulas – yes, Wilson – yes, Wilkins – yes, Dally – yes.

The Treasurer's report was given which showed the following balances.

November 7, 2014 - 2632.32

December 12, 2014 - 2697.49

December 30, 2014 - 2597.49.

Dave moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted. Susie seconded the motion which passes unanimously. Fryatt – yes, Holtby – yes, Johnson – yes, Nussbaum – yes, Kulas – yes, Wilson – yes, Wilkins – yes, Dally – yes.

Under Old Business the Board of Directors election results were announced. Martin Dally was elected President with 8 votes. Lynn Wilkins was elected Secretary with 9 votes. Gale Johnson was elected Pacific/Mountain Director with 9 votes. Jeff Ahlseen was elected Eastern Director with 10 votes. Dave Kulas received 2 write in votes for President.

The next item on the agenda was discussion on electronic voting and if any of the members were having problems voting via that mode. Dave suggested it might make it easier for members if the ballot was sent out as a .jpeg format instead of a .doc format. Lynn reported that some members are not returning the entire ballot electronically, but instead returning their vote via email with the items listed by

number and then their vote. It was decided to have three options for returning the ballot listed on each ballot. 1. Return via regular mail. 2. Return entire ballot via email. 3. Return a vote summary as mentioned above via email.

The discussion moved to advertising for the coming year. Various opportunities for advertising the AGSS were discussed. Susie moved that the AGSS advertise in the Oregon Flock and Fiber event book with a \$50 limit. Gale seconded the motion which passes unanimously. Fryatt – yes, Holtby – yes, Johnson – yes, Nussbaum – yes, Kulas – yes, Wilson – yes, Wilkins – yes, Dally – yes, Matzinger - yes. Dave then moved a classified ad be placed a sheep oriented magazine such as Wild Fiber, Sheep, or Banner. Shelley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Fryatt – yes, Holtby – yes, Johnson – yes, Nussbaum – yes, Kulas – yes, Wilson – yes, Wilkins – yes, Dally – yes, Matzinger - yes. Shelley will contact Sheep Magazine.

Under new business problems with sheep registration papers were discussed. It was noted that several members are having errors made on their registration papers. Members are asked to check their registration papers to make sure there are no errors on them. Lynn was directed to write a letter to Accuregister to inform them of the problem with errors on the registration papers.

Micron testing was the next item on the agenda. Susie asked if the AGSS could consider requiring micron count on AI rams. Martin informed the group for micron counts to be accurate they needed to be performed at approximately 18 months of age. Any younger the count might result in an inaccurate micron count that is too fine and any older the count might result in an inaccurate count that is too coarse. It was decided to recommend to members to codon test and micron count their animals, though neither is required by the AGSS.

Susie moved the meeting be adjourned. Shelly seconded the motion which passes unanimously. Fryatt – yes, Holtby – yes, Johnson – yes, Nussbaum – yes, Kulas – yes, Wilson – yes, Wilkins – yes, Dally – yes, Matzinger - yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Wilkins, Secretary

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