

AGSS Board of Director's Meeting 9/30/2020

Roll:

President Heidi Quist: Present	Eastern TZ Director Jeff Ahlseen: Present
Vice President Nancy Bentley: Present	Central TZ Director Rachel Greene: Absent
Secretary Jessica Duncan: Present	Pacific TZ Director Dana Salazar: Present
Treasurer Teresa Daignault: Present	Canada Director Jennifer Bowes: Present

AGSS Members: Jodi Gingras, Marti Parrish, Brigette Meunier-Grimes, Lori Hynson, Martin Dally

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM Pacific Standard Time by President Heidi Quist

Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting, held 10/30/2019, were distributed to Board Members prior to the meeting. Teresa made a motion to approve the minutes, Dana seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. ** A motion was later made via email to rescind the approval to allow approval of a revised version of the minutes. This motion also passed unanimously. A second motion to pass the revised version was made by Jessica, seconded by Teresa, and passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: A year-to-date report was distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting. Teresa summarized that our ytd income is \$2462, expenses are \$1138.76, and our net balance is \$3800. Teresa renewed our Oregon Registered Agent (that allows us to maintain our Federal and State non-profit status based in the state of Oregon). She also advised that our \$50 Oregon non-profit renewal, Website, and Registry fees are still expected. Jessica made a motion to accept the report as distributed. Dana seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Membership and Registration update: Jessica reported on the current stats. Membership to date is 69 this year, compared to an end-of-year total of 76 last year; she mentioned that she still expects new members before the end of the year. Total YTD Registration activity: 22 Recorded, 145 Registered, 1 Foundation animal, and 65 Transferred.

Online Registering: Jessica reported that she has sent several data updates via Associated Registry, as well as several emails directly to Doug Meyer with no response. She reported that he has been friendly, but needs someone to follow up diligently to get this project complete. Jessica stated that she hasn't been able to make the time commitment required, and asked for help. Heidi volunteered to follow up regularly with Doug to get our online registration established. Jessica stated that she would send Doug's contact information to Heidi.

New Business:

Elections: Elections are due for President, Secretary, East TZ Dir., and Pacific TZ Dir. After some discussion of timing, Jessica made a motion to open the nomination period Oct 1, and close it Oct 14, 2020, then plan on holding the election October 25 through October 31, 2020. Teresa seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Website updates: Jessica reported that she neglected to update the Board of Directors during the spring update; the fall update is due, and this will be fixed. Jessica requested that Board members send any other corrections or updates needed by the end of this coming week, at which time she will submit an update to EDJE.

Encouraging Member Involvement: Heidi suggested that we should consider ideas such as a newsletter, more regular social media updates, and establishing a Social Media Director for AGSS as possible ideas to encourage more participation. A discussion followed in which it was emphasized that communication is important to keep members involved, and that we should be sure to include topics that affect our Canadian members. Jenn Bowes volunteered to organize a newsletter. It was discussed that we need to come up with a name, as well as polling the members for participation and topics. It was decided to start with Quarterly distribution. Jenn will use her expertise in graphic design to develop an attractive newsletter for email distribution. Jessica also mentioned that she will send a list of Canadian members directly to Jen when they join.

Next Special Board Meeting: A date of Wednesday, Nov 4, 2020 at 5:30 Pacific/8:30 Eastern was set.

Next Annual Membership Meeting: A date of Nov 18, 2020 was set.

Other Topics:

Jenn brought *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (*M. ovi*) bacteria to the attention of the Board. This is a devastating respiratory illness that is spread from domestic to wild sheep (primarily big horn sheep), where it is deadly. Domestic sheep can carry the infection sub clinically and act as a reservoir. It has had a debilitating impact on flocks in Canada, including lamb deaths and failure to thrive. Producers in the Western United States, especially those near wild sheep populations, should be aware. Jessica stated she would follow up with the Washington State Veterinarian to see if it is cropping up in Washington.

Dana brought up the issue of AI, and the possibility of establishing a committee that would be an information resource for AGSS members who may be unclear about where to start with this process. This committee could provide centralized information on the process, semen import, etc. Jessica said she would send an email to AGSS members requesting anyone interested in forming this group to contact Dana. Please note that the committee will need to be formally established by the Board if there is enough interest.

Martin Dally approached the Board with questions about the previous Board meeting (10/30/19) and what had been done to address the verbal abuse that he experienced. He was advised that the event was recorded in the minutes, but no names were named as the Board was attempting to move on from that meeting (which became heated on multiple occasions). Martin felt that he was unable to ignore the event and formally withdrew his membership in AGSS. The Board discussed his withdrawal, including the huge contributions that Martin has made both to AGSS and semen import, but no further course of action could be identified, as an apology had already been issued. **Note that this was a voluntary withdrawal and Martin is free to rejoin if he so chooses.**

Dana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM Pacific/9:50 Eastern. Heidi seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.