

2020 AGSS Annual Membership Meeting

November 18, 2020

Roll:

Board Members:

President Heidi Quist; Present
Vice President Nancy Bentley; present
Treasurer Teresa Daignault; present
Secretary Jessica Duncan; present
East TZ Director Jeff Ahlseen; present
Central TZ Director Rachel Green; absent
West TZ Director Dana Salazar; present
Canada TZ Director Jenn Bowes; absent

Members Present:

Amy Kidd
Kelly Nechuta
Laurie Hynson
Bridgett Munier-Grimes
Jodi Gingras
Michelle Potts
Secretary-elect Debra Drake

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM Pacific Time by President Heidi Quist.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes from Nov 20, 2019: Minutes from the previous Annual Member's Meeting were distributed to the Board of Directors prior to this meeting. Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes, Bridgett seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Annual Treasurer's Report: Teresa distributed the report to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting (see attached). The 2020 report was previously approved at the Nov 4 2020 Special Board Meeting. Teresa provided an oral summary comparing 2019 and 2020 during the meeting: 2019 Income was \$3000 with expenses of \$2400 leaving a net of \$600. In 2020 is \$2800, expenses \$1400, leaving a net of \$1400. We currently have \$4100 cash in hand. Expenses were reduced this year due to Covid-19 related cancellation of our fleece show.

Annual Report on Membership and Registration: Jessica reported the most recent activity and compared it to last year: In 2019 we had 77 Active Members, 1 Associate, and 4 Juniors. There were 177 Registrations, 38 Recordings, and 46 Transfers. In 2020 we have 70 Active members, 2 Associates, and no Juniors. There were 152 Registrations, 23 Recordings, and 70 Transfers. Jessica made note that the Pandemic most likely reduced activity somewhat, especially for Junior Members, who usually join in order to show sheep. The large number of transfers shows a good number of registered sheep sales in 2020.

Website Updates: The Fall update of member's info and corrections has been completed. The most exciting development is the addition of a "Pedigree Search" button to our "Forms" page, which allows members to search for sheep based on breeder's name, sheep's AGSS number, etc. We expect to have full online registration capability prior to the end of the year. Heidi also reminded us that online advertising space is available on the Marketplace page.

New Business:

2020 Election Results: Jessica reported the election results: 12 members voted in the election. Heidi Quist was re-elected President for a 2nd term with 11 votes; Debra Drake is our New Secretary with 11

votes; Jeff Ahlseen was re-elected Eastern Director for a second term with 11 votes; Jessica Duncan was elected the new Western Director with 12 votes.

AI Information and Resources: Several members and members of the Board have expressed interest in forming an AI information reference for our members. This would include information such as a summary of the AI process, possible webinars or presentations by AI technicians, and a place to provide member's reviews of AI services that have been used including costs and success rates. Dana has volunteered to be the contact for this group. Members are encouraged to contribute!

Fleece Show 2021; We were planning on having our annual fleece show at Maryland Sheep and Wool in 2020, with Laurie Hynson and Jeff Ahlseen as our organizers. The show was cancelled due to Covid19. Debra volunteered to reach out to Laurie to see if there is any hope of a spring 2021 show. A fall fleece show at the NY Sheep and Wool in Rhinebeck is another possibility if Maryland doesn't work out.

Other Business:

Mycobacterium ovipneumonia summary by Jenn Bowes: Jenn was absent

Newsletter: Debra suggested including links for university-based webinars and education programs in the newsletter. She also suggested an article announcing our online registration and providing a user guide once it becomes active. We need to solicit members for name suggestions for the newsletter, then we can hold a poll to choose the most popular. Jessica suggested "Gotland Gab".

Heidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 PM Pacific Time. Debra seconded, and the meeting was adjourned unanimously.