

AGSS Special Board Meeting  
December 2, 2020

Roll:

President Heidi Quist: Present  
Vice President Nancy Bentley: Joined 6:08 PM  
Treasurer Teresa Daignault: Present  
Secretary Jessica Duncan: Present  
East TZ Director Jeff Ahlseen: Present  
Central TZ Director Rachel Greene: Absent  
West TZ Director Dana Salazar: Present  
Canada Director Jennifer Bowes: Present

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 Pacific Time by President Heidi Quist.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes from 4 Nov 2020 Special Board Meeting: Jessica distributed the minutes prior to this meeting. Heidi made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dana, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa distributed a notice regarding a one-time \$150 fee for website server upgrades. The Board is aware and the fee will be paid.

New Business:

PayPal: Jessica requested the meeting to discuss the Board's wishes regarding re-assigning "ownership" of the PayPal account since she is leaving the office of Secretary. Jessica initially set up the account as part of establishing a new website for AGSS. The options she proposed were to move ownership to the office of the Treasurer, transfer it to the new Secretary, or keep it with Jessica until she leaves the Board. The Board had a discussion during which it was decided that traditional structure would have the PayPal account under the "ownership" of the Treasurer. Teresa wanted to ensure that there is proper oversight and transparency as well.

Heidi made a motion that ownership of all bank accounts, including the PayPal account, should belong to the Treasurer, with access of the appropriate levels granted to the President and the Secretary for transparency and functionality. Jeff seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Other:

Newsletter: Jennifer reported that she has started working on a format, and requested biographies from the Board for inclusion in the first edition. She stated that the first edition would include an introduction to the Board, an introduction to the Gotland breed, and discussion of *Mycoplasma ovipneumonia*. Jessica also stated that she would provide an article regarding registration procedures.

Naming Suggestions: there were no new naming suggestions for the newsletter. Jessica mentioned posting on our FB page asking for member suggestions.

Martin Dally: It was suggested that AGSS consider offering an honorary membership to Joy and Martin Dally in recognition of their being founding members, as well as instrumental to establishing Gotlands in North America.

Heidi made a motion to present an honorary Lifetime Membership to Martin and Joy Dally, Jeff seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New NZ semen: It was brought to the attention of the Board that new semen from NZ is being imported. This semen originated from sheep with Swedish genetics, and there is now an established Gotland registry in NZ. It was questioned whether we should allow these AI rams to be registered in AGSS. There are also embryos with Swedish genetics being imported from NZ. A discussion ensued during which it was mentioned that extensive bylaw amendments would be required to allow inclusion in AGSS, and a new section regarding embryos would need to be generated. In general the Board was open to the possibility, but a cautious approach was suggested, allowing some time to ensure that the new import program is viable, with traceable paperwork and proper review. It would also require the importer of the semen to become an AGSS member and request to register the donor rams and ewes. It was also mentioned that we need to protect our members from investing in sheep that may not be registerable by making them aware of the current stance of AGSS regarding NZ genetics. This will be included in Jessica's registration newsletter article.

Heidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM Pacific. Jeff Seconded and the meeting was adjourned unanimously.