

AGSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 22, 2017

Board Members Present:

President Leah Hoenen
Treasurer Shelley Nussbaum
Secretary Jessica Duncan
Eastern TZ Rep Teresa Daignault
Central TZ Rep Heidi Quist
Pacific TZ Rep Martin Dally
Canadian Rep Veronica Verweij

Board Members Absent:

Vice President Susie Wilson (lambing!)

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 PST by President Leah Hoenen

Minutes Approval: A motion was made by Shelley to approve the minutes from the Feb 1, 2017 BOD meeting. The motion was seconded by Veronica and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Shelley reported the balance is unchanged from the previous meeting.

Old Business:

Registry: Jessica collected and distributed a list of possibilities for a new Registry provider prior to the meeting to include Tenset Software, Associated Registry, and Premier Registry. A brief discussion was held, during which fees were clarified. Teresa made a motion that AGSS hire Associated Registry to begin handling our registration services (estimated \$700 set-up fee, and \$3.15 per transaction, billed monthly). Veronica seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jessica agreed to continue to be the point of contact for correspondence with Associated Registry.

Martin made note that he did not sign a renewal contract with Accu Register, so we are not currently bound by a contract with that company.

Tax Exempt Status:

Teresa has done extensive research and found out that we are required to do a "Postcard" filing with the IRS to maintain our 501 status, and we need to file a form 1024. We are also behind in renewing/updating with Oregon State as a Domestic Non-Profit.

Shelley will update our status with both IRS and Oregon State to make sure that we are current and in good standing. Teresa volunteered to assist as needed.

New Business:

Canadian Renewals:

Canadian members currently have to go to the bank to draft a check in US dollars, which is both costly and time consuming. The online membership renewal (via PayPal) that will be offered on the new website will alleviate this problem. Martin made a motion to extend 2016 Canadian memberships beyond the March 1 renewal deadline, whereby our Canadian members will remain Active members in

good standing for up to 30 days after online membership is available. Jessica seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jessica will send out an e-mail notifying all AGSS members when the new website is available, and the extended grace period will expire 30 days after this notification is sent.

Registration Procedure:

There has been a problem with ineligible sheep being registered, as well as registrations being attempted by non-members or inactive members. Martin made a motion that all new registrations will be mailed to the Secretary, who will collect payment and examine the documents to determine correctness and eligibility before sending them to Associated Registry. The motion was seconded by Teresa and passed unanimously.

(Payments will be forwarded to the Treasurer (similar to membership dues) and registration documents can be scanned and sent electronically to Associated Registry.)

Membership Bylaws:

There has been some confusion and frustration regarding the wording regarding Active members needing to have registered, recorded, or transferred sheep within the preceding 2 years. Specifically, that you have to be Active to register sheep, but you can't be active unless you have registered sheep. It was also discussed that 2 years may not be long enough under some circumstances.

Jessica, with Leah's help, will work on re-wording the Active and Associate membership bylaws for presentation at the next Board Meeting, to include a 5 year activity period (rather than 2 years) and make it clear that members can apply for Active membership in order to register or transfer animals in the future. Once accepted by the Board, we can present the bylaw change to the membership for approval.

Proposed Agenda Items for the next Board Meeting:

1. Review membership bylaw changes (see above)
2. Discuss requirements for registering foundation ewes and their offspring (specifically regarding AI verses natural breeding)
3. Discuss increasing fees (Including membership dues, adding a farm listing fee, and registration fees)

The next meeting date is TBD.

Leah stated that all business has been discussed.

Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PST, Shelley seconded, passed unanimously

ADDENDUM:

2/23/17 (the next day) it was noticed that the new registration fees of \$3.15 exceed the \$3 fee we are currently charging for foundation ewe and duplicate certificates. Jessica made a motion via email to increase these fees to \$5. Leah seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with "Aye" responses from Leah, Susie, Shelley, Jessica, Teresa, Heidi, Martin, and Veronica.