

AGSS Special Board Meeting - November 4, 2020 - Posted

Roll:

President Heidi Quist: Present
Vice President Nancy Bentley: Present
Treasurer Teresa Daignault: Present
Secretary Jessica Duncan: Present
Easter Director Jeff Ahlseen: Absent
Central Director Rachel Greene: Absent
Western Director Dana Salazar: Present
Canada Director Jenn Bowes: Absent
Secretary-elect Debra Drake was also present

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM PST by President Heidi Quist.

Old Business:

Minutes from 9/30/2020: The minutes were distributed by Jessica prior to this meeting for review. Heidi made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Dana seconded, the motion **passed unanimously**.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa distributed a full report prior to the meeting and summarized \$2800 revenue, \$1400 in expenses YTD. She anticipates paying bills for our website hosting and registry fees, and reminded us that we will also owe a \$200 balance once our online registration becomes active, as well as a \$180.00/yr maintenance fee for this service. Jessica made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Dana seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Membership and registry update: Jessica reported 11 new registrations and 1 new member since the September meeting, and will make a detailed report during the member's meeting Nov. 14. Membership renewal for 2021 is now active.

Update on online registration: Heidi reported that online Pedigree searching is now active. Jessica included a link on our website "Forms" page during the fall update. Heidi will continue to contact Doug Meyer regarding full registration capability.

Fall website update: The fall update has been completed, including all current AGSS members, correcting the Director's page, and adding the link for online Pedigree searching to the Forms page.

Newsletter Project update and support: Jenn Bowes (project head) was not present. Heidi reiterated that the Board would be willing to provide any support needed, and the Board discussed the benefit of providing links and information for all of our members.

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.

Next General Membership Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5:30 PST. The current meeting agenda includes approval of 2019 Annual membership meeting minutes, Annual Treasurer's Report, Annual Membership and Registration Report, Election Results, and M. ovi update. Teresa added member involvement to the agenda, and the importance of encouraging member's involvement in AGSS was discussed, citing concern over the low turnout for the election. The newsletter was mentioned as an important step to involve members more, and ideas will be solicited at the membership meeting.

Other:

Nancy introduced the topic of Martin Dally resigning his membership at the last meeting, his importance and contributions to AGSS, and whether we could do anything to encourage his participation in AGSS once the dust has settled. A discussion ensued during which it was again mentioned that the event happened during a very heated discussion, and the involved party issued a very sincere apology immediately afterward. The general feeling was that there is not any official action that can occur, however, several members volunteered to contact Martin to see if there is any way forward for him that will work for all of us.

Debra introduced the topic of USDA CFAP-2 (Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2) funding that is available through USDA Farm Service Agency. This funding matches 2019 farm income for all raw commodities, which should include lambs and fleece. Applications are due December 5th.

Heidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 PM PST. Jessica seconded, the motion passed unanimously.