

AGSS General Meeting #1 - 1.13.2023 - Posted

Roll Call:

President - Jeff Ahlseen: Present
Vice President - Heidi Quist: Present
Treasurer Rachel Green: Present
Secretary Debra Drake: Present
Eastern Director - Laura Chandler: Present
Central Director Nancy Bentley: Present
Western Director - Terrisue Harvey: Absent
Canadian Director Jenn Bowes: Absent

Attending:

1. Kirsten Simons
2. Martin & Joy Dally
3. Teresa Daignault
4. Stephanie Schiffgens
5. Linda Drennan
6. Laura Chandler
7. Laurie Hynson
8. Amy Kidd

Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll call**
3. **Secretary's report - Membership & Website updates**
4. **Treasurer's report - financial review & points of interest**

Heidi motion to accept both reports, Nancy 2nd, no discussion, motion approved.

5. **New Business**

- **Election Results - AGSS Board Directors** - Led by Jeff Ahlseen
 - All nominations were unopposed and unanimously elected:

■ President - Jeff Ahlseen	Start of 1st term ending 2024
■ VP - Heidi Quist	Fulfill partial 1st term ending 2023
■ Treasurer - Rachel Green	Fulfill parietal 1st term ending 2023
■ Secretary - Debra Drake	Start of 2nd Term ending 2024
■ Western Director - Terisue Harvey	Start of 1st term ending 2024
■ Eastern Director- Laura Chandler	Start of 1st term to end 2024
 - Laura was appointed by the President, in accordance with the AGSS By-laws, to fulfill the Eastern Director term.

Motion: Nancy made the motion for the President to appoint Laura Chandler to the Board, Heidi

2nd the motion, the motion was approved.

- **Sheep & Wool Festivals** - led by Debra Drake
 - Discussed folks volunteering to host Breed Barn Displays at various festivals.
 - **MDS&W** (May) - Debra Drake and Christina & Jeff Ahlseen will be hosting this coming years Breed Barn Display
 - Monica Mello hosted w/ Debra Drake in 2022 along w/ Laurie Hynson's assistance
 - **Shepherd's Harvest**, Lake Elmo, MN May 12-14, 2023. Heidi Quist will be hosting the Breed Display.
 - **Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival**, September 8-10, 2023. Heidi will be hosting the Breed Display here as well..
 - **Garden State Sheep Festival** - (Sept 9-11) - Laura Chandler volunteered to host in this year's Breed Barn Display
 - **NYS&W** (October- The Ahlseens have hosted in the past along w/ other AGSS Members in staffing this Breed Barn Display Booth.
 - Martin Dally - this Festival is interested in hosting a **National Gotland Fleece Show** in 2023. Details to follow.
- **Three Proposed AGSS Amended By-laws** - led by Jeff Ahlseen
 - Vacancies on the Board
 - Closed Session of the Board
 - Embryo Transfer identifier (ET) would be the suffix utilized on the Certificate of Registry
 - Based on the conversation, by Martin & Joy Dally, it was concluded that further investigation in drafting ET By-laws was needed.
 - Circulation of the amended **ET By-law** for approval to the membership has been put on hold for the moment.
 - However, the "Vacancies on the Board" and "Closed Session of the Board" proposed By-laws will be sent to the membership for a vote, where a majority of the votes received will prevail.
- **North Am. Purebred 100% on the certificate** - Led by Jeff Ahlseen and others

The AGSS By-law recognizes rams at 96.5% Gotland in the up-breeding program to be noted as "N. American Purebred 100%" on the Certificate of Registry (C of R) - pages 18/19 of the AGSS By-laws. In the past, it was voted that the C of R form should reflect 100% at all percentage notations.

 - **Martin Dally's** comments - in the scientific world, most worldwide geneticists classify 96+% and recognize the sheep as a purebred; that percentages are just theories.
 - **Debra Drake** comments - could the notation "Gotland Full Bloods (100%)" be used for lambs born from embryo transfers (ET).
 - **Stephanie Schiff** comments - above 96.5% why is actual % dropped from the C of R and would prefer to incorporate it as such (because she has raised ET

sheep)

- **Teresa Daignault** comments - she recognized the existing By-laws but felt it would be of benefit to post the actual calculated % somewhere on the C of R.
- **Proposed AGSS Website updates** - Rachel Green presented her updates and progress made to date.
- **Questions**
- **Adjourn**

Motion: Heidi made the motion to adjourn at 9:32 PM ET, Nancy 2nd the motion, and approved by all present.