

AGSS Annual Meeting – November 11, 2022

Roll Call:

President Heidi Quist: Present

Vice President - vacant

Treasurer Rachel Green: Present

Secretary Debra Drake: Present

Eastern Director Jeff Ahlseen: Present

Central Director Nancy Bentley: Present

Western Director - vacant

Canadian Director Jenn Bowes: Not Present

Members in Attendance:

- Teresa Daignault
- Terrisue Harvey

Agenda:

1. Call to order by the President
2. Roll Call
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's report
5. New Business
 - Livestock Conservancy Webinar Cultivating Leadership
 - Nat'l Gotland Fleece Show 2023 - Jeff Ahlseen, Tamarack Farm Gotland
 - AGSS Board Elections - update on nominations
6. Old Business
 - Website & Membership updates - Rachel
 - Bylaws Updated - Incorporated NZ genetics & frozen embryos - Debra
 - Link: [Bylaws of the American Gotland Sheep Society](#)
7. Q & A - if time allows
8. Adjourn

President

Heidi called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM ET and roll was taken with a quorum present

Secretary's Report

US Membership:

- 71 total members
- 2 Jr Members
- 10 new members in 2022

Canadian Membership:

- 15 total members
- 5 new members in 2022

Associated Registry is now processing membership - for both new and renewals at a fee of \$4 per transaction (cost increase)

Farm membership dues of \$20 per year support our AGSS online registration, database search features, website maintenance & associated technical support. Memberships renewed after March 31 are \$35 per year (\$20 + \$15 late fee)

Associate (\$10) & **Junior** (\$5) Membership dues remain unchanged

Membership

- AGSS is in the process of transitioning to Associated Registry managing new & renewing memberships
- AR will be sending out a reminder letter in the beginning of November to all existing AGSS Members.

Note From Jeff at Associate Registry Staffing (3+2+1+1 = 7 staff)

- As you are aware, staffing has been a challenge the last 15 months for our office.
- 2 full time employees just added...to go along with
- 3 existing staff, so we are getting them trained.
- 1 remote employee - started on November 21st.
- We have 1 more starting in early December
- Thank you for your patience during these challenging staffing times. I am well aware this is happening everywhere. I do think better days are ahead for our office. I am encouraged by the recent staff additions.

Treasurer's Report - Rachel

AGSS - 2022	January	February	March	1st Qtr	April	May	June	2nd Qtr	July	August	September	3rd Qtr	October	November	December	4th Qtr	Yr total
Cash - Beginning	5774.63	6473.55	6697.03		6753.79	6807.40	6865.95		6691.30	6804.57	6830.80		6301.32				5774.63
Revenue																	
Dues	545.00	140.00	180.00	865.00	90.00		60.00	150.00	15.00		30.00	45.00	15.00				15.00
Reg/Record/Dup/Transfer Fees	182.00	89.00	141.00	412.00	61.00	207.37	77.00	345.37	308.00	123.00		551.00	523.00				1851.37
Advertising Income	100.00	100.00		200.00				0.00				0.00					200.00
Loan from R. Green to open bank account		100.00		100.00				0.00				0.00					100.00
Member payment to AGSS (via PP)				0.00								263.32					263.32
NY S&W Breed Barn Revenue				0.00				0.00				0.00					0.00
Total Revenue	827.00	429.00	321.00	1577.00	151.00	207.37	137.00	495.37	323.00	123.00	413.32	859.32	538.00	0.00	0.00	538.00	3469.69
Expenses																	
Registrations/Transfer Recording	78.75		154.35	233.10	15.20	148.05	18.90	182.15		96.00	148.00	244.00	164.00				164.00
Domain & Website				0.00	75.00		285.00	360.00	195.00		245.00	440.00					800.00
Online Registry				0.00				0.00				0.00					0.00
Zoom Meeting Subscription				0.00				0.00				0.00					0.00
Advertising		180.00		180.00				0.00				0.00					180.00
Show expenses				0.00				0.00				0.00					0.00
Education				0.00				0.00			280.00	280.00	0.00				280.00
Loan payment R. Green			100.00	100.00				0.00				0.00					100.00
Member refund (via PP)				0.00				0.00			255.45	255.45	0.00				255.45
Bank charges		8.00		8.00				0.00				0.00					8.00
credit card fees				0.00				0.00				0.00					0.00
Pay Pal fees	49.33	17.52	9.89	76.74	7.19	0.77	7.75	15.71	14.73	0.77	14.35	29.85	13.27				135.57
Registered Agent Fee - OR				0.00				0.00				0.00	50.00				50.00
Federal & State filing fees				0.00				0.00				0.00					0.00
Total Expenses	128.08	205.52	264.24	597.84	97.39	148.82	311.65	557.86	209.73	96.77	942.80	1249.30	227.27	0.00	0.00	227.27	2632.27
Net Income	698.92	223.48	56.76	979.16	53.61	58.55	-174.65	-62.49	113.27	26.23	-529.48	-389.98	310.73	0.00	0.00	310.73	837.42
Cash - Ending	6473.55	6697.03	6753.79		6807.40	6865.95	6691.30		6804.57	6830.80	6301.32		6612.05				6612.05
TD Checking Beginning Balance	5247.86	5179.11	0														526.77
Border Checking Beginning Balance	0	0	1092.00		6391.76	6336.56	6637.88		6333.98	6138.98	6557.98		6087.98				
Pay Pal Beginning Balance	526.77	1294.44	580.92		362.03	470.84	228.07		357.32	665.59	272.82		361.34				5247.86
Total Cash Beginning Balance	5774.63	6473.55	1672.92		6753.79	6807.40	6865.95		6691.30	6804.57	6830.80		6449.32				5774.63
TD Checking Ending Balance	5179.11	0	0														
Adjusted Border Balance		6,116.11									5939.98						
Deposit to Border from TD			5,024.11														
Border Checking Ending Balance			6,391.76		6336.56	6637.88	6333.98		6138.98	6557.98			6004.98				
Pay Pal Ending Balance	1294.44	580.92	362.03		470.84	228.07	357.32		665.59	272.82			361.34				
Total Cash Ending Balance	6473.55	6697.03	6753.79		6807.40	6865.95	6691.30		6804.57	6830.80	6301.32		6612.05				0
Transfers PayPal - Border Checking		1,000.00	400.00			250.00				400.00							

'Approve Secretary's and Treasurer's report' - motion made by Jeff & 2nd by Heidi
- approved by all

New Business

Training Update - Rachel

Livestock Conservancy Webinar Cultivating Leadership

This coming month's topic: *Building & Maintaining an Effective Board*

When: Thursday, December 15th, 6:30-7:30 pm EST

Who: All AGSS members are invited to register and attend.

- Please email Rachel at greenlikewool@gmail.com to register.
- All current board members are registered for the complete series.
- The modules are presented on the 3rd Thursday of each month thru May 2023.

Future Topics:

January 19 Ensuring Accountability & Transparency

February 16 Managing External Comms

March 16 Managing Internal Comms

April 20 Managing Risk

May 25 Managing a Herdbook & Registry

Cultivating Leadership in Breed Organizations Training & Accreditation

Program Overview

Sheep & Wool Festivals 2023 - Jeff

1. New York Sheep & Wool 2022 - Jeff Ahlseen, Tamarack Farm Gotland
2. Nat'l Gotland Fleece Show 2023 - Jeff Ahlseen, Tamarack Farm Gotland
3. Maryland Sheep & Wool 2023 - Debra Drake, Tweedside Farm
4. Wisconsin Sheep & Wool 2023 - Heidi Quist, Prairie Willows Farm & Rachel Green, Green Farms
5. Shepherds Harvest 2023 - Heidi Quist, Prairie Willows Farm & Rachel Green, Green Farms
6. Updates on other Festivals...from the floor

AGSS Board of Directors Nominations

Office	Nomination/ Self-Nomination	Term	# of Term in Office	
President	Jeff Ahlseen	2023 - 2024	Start of 1st Term	-
Vice President	Heidi Quist	2022 - 2023	Fulfill partial 1st term	
Treasurer	Rachel Green	2022 - 2023	Fulfill partial 1st term	no Term Limits
Secretary	Debra Drake	2023 - 2024	Start of 2nd Term	no Term Limits
East	Open	2023 - 2024	Start of 1st Term	-
West	Terisue Harvey	2023 - 2024	Start of 1st term	-

The Secretary has asked for bios of those nominated and will be mailed out.

Old Business

● **Improvements**

- Initial updates will make navigating the website more intuitive for the user.
- Additional functionality may be added to the Member Directory in the future.
- Membership - Doug at Mountain Niche, is developing software for new members to join on the website. Existing members can renew online already.
 - Prototype testing: Hampshire Assoc. will host the beta testing

7. Q & A - National Gotland Sheep Show

8. Adjourn

Q&A

Action items: Rachel, Debra & Heidi will be meeting to discuss updating the website.

Adjourn

Jeff moved to Adjourn, Rachel 2nd the motion - motion passed.

The AGSS President closed the meeting at 9:04 PM ET when no additional comments were made and noted the Annual Membership meeting will be held via Zoom on November 15th, 2022, 8:00 PM ET/ 5:00 PM PT