

NSIP Meeting  
Thursday – October 16, 2014  
7 p.m. CST  
Minutes submitted by Lisa Weeks

Attendees: Rusty Burgett, John Carlson, Alan Culham, Carl Ginapp, Cody Hiemke, Jim Morgan, Dave Notter, Mark Roembke, Lisa Surber, Bill Shultz, Mary Sorensen, Jerry Sorensen, Todd Taylor, Lisa Weeks

Agenda:

- Reports:

1. Secretary Report – minutes posted on NSIP website. Jim Morgan moved to accept minutes, John Carlson seconded. Report accepted.
2. Treasurer Report – Rusty Burgett reported we have a balance of \$64,865.70. This balance contains ~\$21,000 of the original \$50,000 ALB grant plus \$7550 from the NSIIC fund matching grant for ads and awareness. Our true equity is \$35,882.29. Alan Culham moved to accept report. John Carlson seconded. Report accepted.
3. Vision and Mission Statement from Demeter – NSIP will adopt the mission statement presented by Demeter.

The National Sheep Improvement Program's mission is to provide predictable, economically-important genetic evaluation information to the American sheep industry by converting performance records into relevant decision-making tools.

4. Linkages required for Elite Report – Should elite sires be required to have genetic links to other flocks? Alan Culham moved to require elite sires to have genetic links to other flocks in order to be listed in the report. Dave Notter seconded. Bill Shultz opposed, motion passed. Mary Sorensen will contact Garland for the programming change to the report. Question: Will elite sires list only include rams that have offspring from current and previous calendar year?
5. Nominations Committee – Bill Shultz and Jerry Sorensen. A question was posed on who are the voters on the nominations? The nominations will be presented at the ASI Convention in Reno January 2015.
6. Committee Reports
  - Promotion & Education – Jerry Sorensen reported that the third ad and 3<sup>rd</sup> article are coming next month (November) and will highlight the US Hair Breeds. There will be one more ad & article to complete our commitment. The committee would like to propose doing another set of 4 for 2015. The committee will send a proposed budget to Rusty to get funding for 2015

articles. The committee also presented a newsletter idea. Terry would help create the template. The newsletter could have a rotating column by breed per month. Items for discussing are whether to have ads to help fund the newsletter and whether to mail traditionally or electronically or both.

- Technical Committee – Dave Notter reported the following:
  1. He will be stepping down June 2015 and a replacement needs to be found.
  2. A report on breeding objectives for terminal sires and Carcass Plus will be presented in Reno at the ASI Convention.
  3. Genomics – A meeting will be held in Lincoln, NE November 13/14. A discussion point will be what USDA is prepared to do for sheep genomics. The Polypay, Katahdin, Suffolk, and Targhee need to be the top four breeds in research.
  4. DNA Storage – Proposals for the Sheep Industry Grant need to be submitted by November 22. All elite breeds should have DNA stored.
- Relaunch Committee – John Carlson – the Mission and Vision Statement as proposed by Demeter.
- Website Committee – Mary Sorensen is hoping that Demeter could help us focus on areas of improvement.

#### 7. New Business –

- Scott Greiner is requesting a \$175 sponsorship of the 109<sup>th</sup> annual National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest to be held November 17/18 at NAILE in Louisville, KY. Jim Morgan moved to provide. Alan Culham seconded. Motion passed.
- Need to develop an NSIP sale committee to organize potential sales.
- Jerry Sorensen asked the group our thoughts on having a back-up genetic company to Lambplan. Method Genetics offers EBVs, web search, breed registrations, etc for the American Angus Association. Should we review what they have to offer?

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. CST.

9. Next Board Conference Call December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. CST.