

National Sheep Improvement Program

Board Meeting Minutes

Via Conference Call
Thursday, June 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chair person, Jim Morgan.

Discussion Points

Status of Lambplan. The first item discussed was the status of Lambplan. We learned that the transition bill for \$22,500 will be coming soon. Contact people changes with Lambplan was also talked about.

Status of Grants. The first grant discussed has a \$44,000 balance. Most of it will be used to pay the \$22,500 Lambplan bill and Dave Notter's \$10,000 contract for another year. The other grant from the American Lamb Board has \$5,000 which is to be used for ultrasound schooling, education and promotion. We will be requesting the second year's funds from the American Lamb Board.

2013 Fees. When we started with Lambplan in 2010, our pass through data fees were \$2.00/head for animals that had a post 90-day measurement. As of the March 15, 2012 invoice, the fee was raised to \$2.20/head. We did not pass that increase on to the members. Mary Sorensen informed the Board that when the invoicing for Dec 15, 2012 has been completed, this increase would result in an \$856.04 loss. The March 15, 2013 invoice was supposed to be increased to \$2.35, however it was billed at \$2.20.

Following are coming rates for the next two years:

2014 calendar year price @ \$2.65 / animal

2015 calendar year price @ \$2.85 / animal.

Pedigree Wizard (32-bit) and Pedigree Master (64-bit). Mary Sorensen said she had received no negative feedback from anyone that had switched over to Pedigree Master. She had received an inquiry as to when more reports would be available in PM. Jim Morgan reported he had talked to one producer who was happy with the new program.

Data Entry Persons. Next topic was identifying people who would be willing to do data entry for others. It was decided that Mary Sorensen would send out an email to long time, experienced NSIP members to see if anyone would be willing to do data entry for others. If we get some positive responses, the list of people available will be listed on the website. Each person would set their own rate for entering data, however, that will not be listed on the website. Only names and contact information will be on the web.

Increasing Participation with NSIP. Dan Morrical, who is on the Genetic Stakeholder Committee, talked about You Tube videos as well as other things that could be done to educate producers on joining NSIP and what EBVs could mean to them.

Elite and Sire Summaries. Jim Morgan asked that we identify a Point Person to deal with the Elite ,Sire, etc. reports that Mary Sorensen can create from a program that Garland Dahlke has written for Terminals. Garland will be working to expand the program to do Range sheep next. It was decided that Mary would create the reports probably 4 times a year -- the months to be decided later.

Action Items

Election of Officers.

Reid Redden was elected as Chair,
Cody Hiemke as Vice Chair,
Mary Langhus as Secretary, and
Jack McRae as Treasurer.

It was decided that Mary Sorensen would take the minutes for the meetings and send them to Mary Langhus for review.

2013 Processing Fees. It was moved, seconded and passed that Mary Sorensen would invoice the data fees from the Dec. 15, 2012 bill at the \$2.00/head rate. It also passed that the 4 invoices for the 2013 year would all be invoiced at \$2.35/head. It was agreed that Reid Redden and Jim Morgan would work together to write a letter explaining the Lambplan rate increases. Mary will send it out in a mass emailing.

Committees. (Can be comprised of board and non-board members.)

Promotion and Education: Dan Morrival, Alan Culham, John Carlson, Jerry Sorensen (non-board member)

Finance: Jack McRae, Jim Morgan, Tracie Roeder, Reid Redden (ex officio)

Ultrasound Training (falls under Technical Committee): Cody Hiemke, Chris Schauer (non-board member)

Technical Committee: Kreg Leymaster, Dave Thomas, Dan Waldron, Dan Morrival, Dave Notter

Bylaw Committee: Reid Redden, Cody Hiemke and Paul Rodgers

Point Person for Elites: Tracie Roeder, with assistance from each breed

Extend Dave Notter's contract. It was moved, seconded and passed to extend Dave Notter's contract from April 2013 through March 2014 for the amount of \$10,000.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Prepared by: Mary Sorensen, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Mary Langhus, NSIP Board Secretary 6/17/13