

NSIP Meeting
Thursday – June 12, 2014
7 p.m. CST
Minutes submitted by Lisa Weeks

Attendees: Brad Anderson, Ken Andries, Rusty Burgett, John Carlson, Alan Culham, Cody Hiemke, Rodney Kott, Jim Morgan, Dave Notter, Reid Redden, Lisa Surber, Mary Sorensen, Jerry Sorensen, Todd Taylor, Lisa Weeks

Agenda:

- Reports:

1. Secretary Report – minutes posted on NSIP website. Jim Morgan moved to accept minutes, Rodney Kott seconded. Report accepted.
2. Treasurer Report – Rusty Burgett reported that our current assets are \$47,629.22. Rodney Kott moved to accept report, motion seconded. Report accepted.
3. Ultrasound Committee – Cody Hiemke reported that the training in Iowa resulted in 9 certifications. Jim Morgan moved that we accept the white paper on the NSIP Carcass Ultrasound Certification Standards presented by the committee. Ken Andries seconded. Motion passed.
4. Bylaw Committee – See old business.
5. Goat Committee – Ken Andries reported that the Canadian meat goat breeders may be interested in developing EBV's. Discussion ensued around the need to check with Sheep Genetics on legality of bringing in Canada. Ken is also working on getting several years of data into Lambplan.
6. Promotion and Education Committee – Jerry Sorensen reported the following:
 - The first ad in Sheep Industry News was well received.
 - The first article in Sheep Industry News was also well received and has been picked up by several other magazines and newsletters.
 - The 6 webinars were very successful. As a result an informal meeting will take place in Sedalia led by Brent Pharo and Paul Lewis for those who can attend.
 - Terri Queck-Matzie has written a press release for the Dorper board support of NSIP and the Center of the Nation Sale. NSIP covered only the cost of the press release for the Center of the Nation Sale.
 - The committee has reviewed a draft of the second ad. It will feature terminal sires.
 - John Carlson reported that work on the Pedigree Master Manual is complete and available on the NSIP website.

- Terri Queck-Matzie has begun working on the second article which will feature Targhee producers.
7. Relaunch Committee – as reported by Reid Redden, we are seeing many positive results from our efforts via the webinars, ads, articles, etc.
 8. Members Relation Committee – Cody Hiemke reported that the American Lamb Board is debating funding a needs assessment for NSIP. This is a result of the productivity improvement meeting held in Denver in May.
 9. Website Committee – Mary Sorensen needs volunteers to help with this committee. Those interested please contact her at office@nsip.org.
 10. Technical Committee – Dave Notter discussed several items
 - The development of a fact sheet on how to submit data from the different breed groups (Maternal, Terminal, Hair, and Range) is being reviewed by the committee.
 - In the process of analyzing the Cornell data for accelerated lambing.
 - Research in the next 1-2 years needs to be focused on the value of muscle depth.
 - The ability to define a lambing period is being discussed. Currently if a flock lambs in Dec/Jan the records for the Dec lambs are separated into a different contemporary group from the Jan lambs.
 - The concern over not being able to define wethers in LambPlan is being discussed. This impacts research because comparison cannot be drawn by sex as a result of this limitation.
 11. Breed Representative Reports:
 - Maternal – John Carlson reported that work is being completed on the Elite Sire Listing.
 - Terminal – Alan Culham reported that the April listing of elites is available.
 - Hair – Jim Morgan reported the addition of a few new members submitting data and a few “old” members submitting data again.
 - Range – Rodney Kott reported the push to get a core group of Rambouillet breeders to join.
 - Polypay – Todd Taylor reported the addition of a few new members.
 - Targhee – Lisa Surber, no report
 - Commercial – no report
 12. Old Business –
 - Rodney Kott moved to accept the By-Law revisions presented by Cody Heimke and the committee during the April meeting. Ken Andries seconded. Motion passed.

- MAC Committee Report – Jim Morgan reported that most of the options for MAC users have been defined. The committee will present the complete list of options soon.
- Mary Sorensen is still gathering information with the help of the Finance Committee on implementing Credit Card Payment options. Goal is to have presentation ready for August meeting.

13. New Business –

- Sheep Genetics search engine – This is a very powerful search engine that allows a user tremendous options for finding animals/genetics that fit individual programs. We have requested the inclusion of NSIP sheep in this search engine. Have not heard status yet.
- Elite Reports – More categories are being made available on these reports. Each breed group needs to identify specific times during the year they want their report published. The breed group rep needs to contact Mary Sorensen with the dates.
- Breed Association Relations – Cody Hiemke discussed that it might be helpful to have each breed report on what works and what doesn't work within each group. Jim Morgan and Cody will write this letter and circulate.

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

15. Next Board Conference Call August 14th @ 7 p.m. CST.