

## NSIP Meeting

Thursday – August 14, 2014

7 p.m. CST

Minutes submitted by Lisa Weeks

Attendees: Ken Andries, Rusty Burgett, John Carlson, Carl Ginapp, Richard Hamilton, Rodney Kott, Jim Morgan, Reid Redden, Mark Roembke, Lisa Surber, Bill Shultz, Mary Sorensen, Lisa Weeks

### Agenda:

- Reports:

1. Secretary Report – minutes posted on NSIP website. John Carlson moved to accept minutes, Ken Andries seconded. Report accepted.
2. Treasurer Report – Rusty Burgett reported that the \$50k from the American Lamb Board has not been posted yet. Our current assets are \$45,576.73. Rodney Kott moved to accept report, John Carlson seconded. Report accepted. Rusty is also requesting that people add a brief description on all checks explaining what the payment is.
3. Goat Committee – Ken Andries reported a successful conference call with discussion centering on NSIP. The incorporation of more goat terminology may make NSIP more attractive to goat producers.
4. Breed Representative Reports:
  - Maternal/Polypay – At the Polypay Breeder Meeting, John Carlson updated the group on the work that is being done at Lambplan to include more than 1 lambing per year and the differentiation for wethers. There is a possibility of holding an NSIP class at the National Polypay sale in Wisconsin next year.
  - Terminal – Bill Shultz reported the great success for NSIP Suffolk breeders at the Center of the Nation Sale in Iowa. Some positive discussions are occurring around NSIP as more performance based sheep are being presented in these sales. If these rams are shipping west, they must have the stamina and the performance to be successful. Richard Hamilton emphasized the need to include club lamb buyers in these discussions.
  - Hair – Jim Morgan reported the success of the annual meeting in Nebraska. During the meeting membership voted to give \$5k for NSIP promotions and \$5k for sale committee promotions. Carl Ginapp reported that a dinner sponsored by kNSIP was received very well.
  - Range – Rodney Kott reported the success of the Targhee National Sale.
  - Targhee – Lisa Surber – the Montana ram sale is 4 weeks away. This sale will also include small lots of ewes.

5. New Business –

- Needs assessment through Demeter. The entire board is being contacted and interviewed. Reid and a small group (to be contacted by Reid) will meet mid-October with Demeter to discuss assessment.
- Officially sponsoring the Center of the Nation Sale – group discussed assuming the responsibility for this sale. We also discussed expanding sale to include a site in the west and east. A volunteer is needed to chair this committee. Jerry Sorensen will be asked to draft a letter to the board on what is involved in this sale. Richard Hamilton suggested talking with California Wool Growers to see about being included in their sale versus having an independent sale in the west at this time.

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

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