

MEETING MINUTES 1/26/16

01 January 2016 / 1700 PST / Phone Conference 605.475.4000 1062379

ATTENDEES

Andy Fulks, Ken Leaman, Staci Holtby, Heather Carter

AGENDA

Old Business

Welcome new BOD member, Ken Leaman, DVM of Whidbey Island, WA
(Wild Rose Farm)
Newsletter

New Business

2016 Temporary exemption to Upgrading Guidelines
Member Complaint
Executive Board Appointments, including Treasurer & additional
appointment
UK Inspection Process & the ATSA Role

Old Business:

- Ken Leaman introduced himself to the BOD. The BOD is very appreciative of his willingness to participate.
- Newsletter is nearly finished. It will need a message from the new President. Staci Holtby will send out a draft newsletter to BOD for final approval.

New Business:

- Andy Fulks gave a brief history of the Temporary Ram Exemption to Upgrading Guidelines and use of QR ram in an exemption year. Andy Fulks suggested we add a checklist for foundation sires. Staci Holtby will begin to research this subject for future BOD mtg.

Staci Holtby moved to accept the temporary exception to upgrading guidelines for foundation sires/QR Rams effective 1/15/2016 through 12/31/2016. Heather Carter Seconded the motion. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

- Member Complaint. A member complaint has been filed - The issue was discussed in a closed session of the Board, no public minutes taken regarding complaint/course of action.

Heather Carter encouraged the entire BOD to review all Bylaw rules regarding member complaints.

Andy Fulks moved that the present board would serve as the disciplinary board/committee for any/all complaints/complications/issues. Ken Leaman seconded the motion. Vote called. Motion carried unanimously.

- Executive positions.

BOD discussed the need for yet a 5th board member. The BOD finds that unfortunately the prior nominee is unable to meet bylaw criteria to sit on the BOD.

Laurie Ball-Gish of Midland, MI (Lavender Fleece Farm) has expressed interest in the BOD and willingness to be nominated. The BOD is awaiting her Bio before further action can be taken. She does meet all bylaw criteria. The BOD agrees to vote via E-mail once the bio is furnished.

Heather moved to nominate Andy Fulks, ATSA President. Staci Holtby Seconded the motion. Vote called. Motion carried unanimously. Andy Fulks named President and took over conducting the ATSA Mtg.

Andy Fulks moved to nominate Ken Leaman, ATSA Vice President. Staci Holtby seconded the motion. Vote called. Motion carried unanimously. Ken Leaman, ATSA Vice President.

Heather Carter nominated Staci Holtby, ATSA Secretary. Andy Fulks seconded the motion. Vote called. Motion carried unanimously. Staci Holtby, ATSA Secretary.

Historical data regarding the Treasurer position not requiring a voting BOD position helpfully provided by Heather Carter. The ATSA is now incorporated in the State of Oregon. We are working on non-profit status. $\frac{2}{3}$ membership vote did not pass due to lack of response from necessary number of members for by-lay revision. BOD is not aware of any resistance to this. Staci Holtby will address this item in the newsletter. Gale Johnson of Lawrence Cottage Teeswaters in Oregon nominated for Treasurer upon her agreement. Andy Fulks moved to nominate Gale Johnson, ATSA Treasurer. Heather Carter seconded the motion. Vote called. Motion carried unanimously. Gale Johnson, ATSA Treasurer.

- **Phenotypical inspection/evaluation initiatives - this needs someone to spearhead. The traditional rules focused on phenotype, but as has been recently brought to light with several high percentage rams failing to be approved for foundation ram status, high blood percentage is not necessarily indicative of good type. The bylaws have the groundwork, but we need to develop the initiative/policies.**
- **ATSA role in promoting breed specific shows in different areas of the USA**
- **Information to new breeders: What to select for in a Teeswater Upgrading Program. This can be an ongoing ATSA Newsletter dialogue.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Staci Holtby will add the announcement of the Temporary exception to Upgrading Guidelines for Foundations Sires/QR Rams Effective 1/15/2016 through 12/31/2016 to the Winter 2016 Newsletter.**

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Staci Holtby, ATSA Secretary

Addendums:

Biography: Laurie Ball-Gish

Education:

BA in Art Education; MA in Art Education; MFA Photography and Drawing

Career: Art Education: Beaverton Jr. High School; Saginaw Valley State University; Central Michigan University;

Montcalm Community College

Business Owner:

The Lavender Fleece 1999-present

-- Potter/Artist; Spinner/Weaver

-- Shepherdess: Icelandic Sheep from 1999-present, Leicester Longwools from 2011-present,

Teeswaters from 2015-present

Volunteer:

Past President and Newsletter Editor for ISBONA (Icelandic Sheep Breeders of North America);
Newsletter Editor and Board Member for Michigan Art Education Association

Author:

Numerous articles published in *sheep!* since 2003-present; other publications include *The Banner, Shepherd, Countryside and Small Stock Journal, Small Farm Today, British Sheep Dairying, Wild Fiber, Hobby Farms, Animals Exotic and Small and others*

Numerous publications in national magazines and one book, during career as an Art Education

Presentations:

Midwest Open Air Museums Coordinating Council: Annual Meeting members tour of The Lavender Fleece –

Raising Rare Breed Sheep on a Small Farm, Fall 2014

Hosting numerous Garden Clubs for lectures/tours at The Lavender Fleece Farm

14th Annual Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference. January 26, 2013. "Rare and Heritage Breed Sheep: A Perfect Fit for the Small Farm."

Michigan Fiber Festival, August 22, 2004. "The Icelandic Sheepdog"

Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, May 29th, 2003. "Lavender"

Herb Society of America, Frankenmuth chapter, May 3, 2003. "Lavender"

Michigan Shepherd's Weekend, January 5-6, 2002. "Fulfilling the Dream with Icelandics and Ingenuity"

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1/31/2016 BOD Email Vote called to appoint Laurie Ball-Gish (who does meet bylaw criteria to sit on the BOD) to the ATSA BOD for a 1 year term. Vote passed unanimously. Motion carried unanimously. Laurie Ball-Gish added to the ATSA BOD.

ADDENDUMS CONTINUED:

February 2016 Email Motions/Votes:

- Redistricting MI to District 4. No candidate ran, or was appointed out of District 4. Per the Article V in the ATSA Bylaws directors may move one or more states to contiguous districts to equalize registrations in a district.
 - 2/10/2016 Motion made & seconded: to modify the existing district 4 boundaries by moving Michigan from District 3 into District 4. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2/10/2016 Motion made & seconded that the BOD add Laurie to the Disciplinary Committee to hear/review issues before us on the current member complaint. (When the original motion passed it included current Board members which didn't include Laurie at the time.)
 - Motion carried unanimously.
 - Secretary will bring Laurie Ball-Gish up to speed on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Staci Holtby
ATSA Secretary