

MEETING MINUTES 10/30/15

30 October 2015 / 1700 PST / Phone Conference 605.475.4000 1062379

Board Meeting

Roll call: Heather Carter, Andy Fulks, Staci Holtby

Heather opened the meeting with subject of open BOD positions.

Ken Leaman (WA state) has offered to assist

Jennifer Holbrook (NY state) is interested, currently non-voting, working to register a ram

Holly Partridge (NY state) has offered to assist

1 year appointment terms open at this time as candidates did not run at the time of elections. Making 1 year appointments at this time will put 2 candidates up for election this coming year. Then, 2 candidates the following year, and 1 candidate the following year.

Andy felt the BOD appointed Holly at the last BOD meeting. Discussion ensued regarding Holly's offer to continue on the BOD. Heather & Staci stated Holly had ample opportunity to run for election in her district and did not. Andy made a motion at the prior BOD mtg to accept Holly's offer. The motion was not seconded. Therefore motion died on the floor. No further discussion at this time.

The BOD will request a bio from Ken Leaman. The BOD will request a bio from J Holbrook pending registration of her ram.

Heather would like to see the BOD go back to utilizing the forum. Andy requests all correspondence/communications cc: all members of the BOD. Heather called our attention to the forum, as it makes all information visible to the BOD.

3 current BOD members are in agreement that votes to appoint future 1 year term directors must be unanimous until we have 5 members on the BOD.

Heather Carter, ATSA Registrar reports an estimated 23 members with 12 voting members. Several members which have not registered yet, but expressed interest and some expressed concern about the dysfunction of the association. Heather would like to see the ATSA get past this. All three directors present are in agreement that the ATSA needs to allow and encourage members to participate until qualified to vote in upcoming elections. Lack of interest in the association was discussed. A new ATSA Newsletter will go out quarterly. Staci Holtby will work up the Newsletter. Andy Fulks mentioned the split of the Teeswater breed associations and feels the ATSA needs to be more user friendly.

Heather Carter addressed our bylaws and the less restrictive categories for recording/registration to promote the Teeswater breed. Andy Fulks would like to see the ATSA be more friendly & welcoming.

Heather Carter mentioned the UK has a section 22 exemption in their bylaws. In Section 22 they do not look at the pedigree. In section 22 the UK Assoc does not interfere with the breeders program/decisions. Our bylaws have new categories to promote the breed. Heather Carter spoke to the Ewe of merit and elite ewe. ATSA can work toward a phenotypical evaluation system where we actually look at the sheep w/ less emphasis on the pedigree. ATSA BOD can take a broader look at what sheep look like in person than on paper, thereby preserving type. Set the bar on outcome not input. Give breeders tools. Inspection process would be one tool, ATSA sponsored shows would be another tool. Andy Fulks mentioned Neil Kentner would be a helpful Midwest inspector.

Respectfully Submitted,

Staci Holtby

Director

Addendum:

12/13/2015

Ken Leaman Biography:

Ken Leaman, DVM and his wife Nan live on Whidbey Island in Washington state. They have raised sheep for 35 years. Their flock of Teeswater, Wensleydale and Leicester Longwools and some crossbreeds of these fluctuates around 100 hear. The focus has always been on quality fiber and overall hardiness.

Ken is a large and small animal veterinarian and, in fact, met Nan because of a sick ewe. They have 4 daughters, 3 grandchildren and another on the way.

Ken is interested in improving the vigor and vitality of Teeswaters.

12/18/2015

Heather Carter moved to appoint Ken Leaman to the BOD for a 1 year term. Staci Holtby seconded the motion. Vote called. Motion passed with a unanimous vote from the BOD.