



## American Teeswater Sheep Association

Newsletter Fall 2016

### Board of Directors

President/District 3: Andy Fulks

Vice President: Ken Leaman

Registrar/District 1: Heather Carter

Secretary/Member at Large: Staci Holtby

District 4: Laurie Ball-Gisch

Treasurer: Gale Johnson

### Board of Directors

#### Current Business

The Board of Directors would like to extend our Thanks to Ken Leaman for his service to the Association this past year! Ken was kind, and helpful enough to fill one of the vacant board positions, so that the association would have enough directors to conduct business. Thank you Ken!!!

#### 2016 Annual Membership Meeting

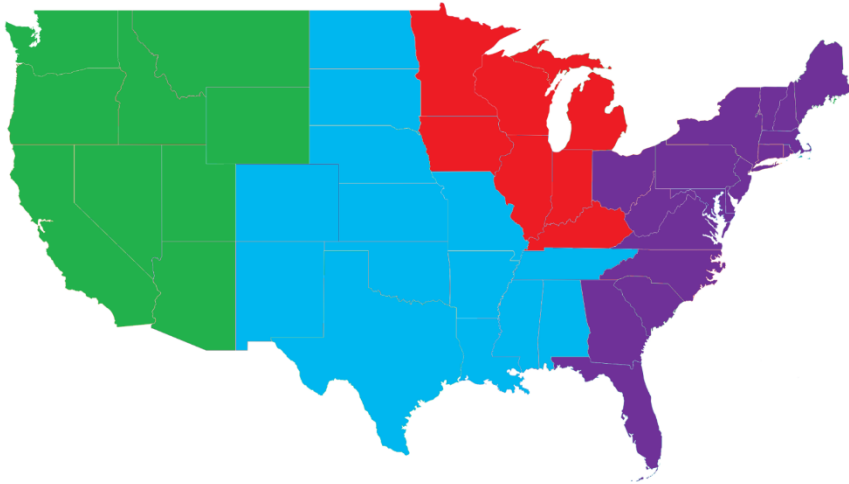
Mark your calenders: The **2016 Annual Membership Meeting** is scheduled for **10/29/2016 4 pm PST**.

This meeting will be via free conference call. Please do come and and listen and participate. Help shape our association! An agenda and call in information will follow in your email.



*Lawrence Cottage Yearling Ewe*

## Elections



Currently there are two vacant board positions. Laurie Ball-Gish was nominated with no opposition. Ballots were mailed out to the membership and are due back on 11/4/16.

The board is looking to appoint a minimum of one more party to fill the 5<sup>th</sup> board position for a three-year term.

District 1: West Coast (Green) Reps: Ken Leaman (end of term Oct 2016), Heather Carter, Staci Holtby

District 2: Midwest (Blue) Reps: None

District 3: Lake region states (Red) Reps: Andy Fulks

District 4: East Coast (Purple) Reps: Laurie Ball-Gish (Swing state)

## Treasurer Report

Congratulations! The ATSA is now exempt from federal income taxes under exemption 501(c)3. There will be more details at the Annual Membership Meeting. The treasury balance is \$ 3563.46 as of October 2016.

## PayPal Payments

When making payments via Paypal please make an itemized note with the payment in the “comment” section as to the reason for the payment transaction. This will help the Treasurer with the keeping of accurate records.

For example:

1 membership \$25  
2 lamb registrations \$10  
Total = \$35

## **Registry: Helpful notes from the ATSA Registrar...**

By Heather Carter

I recently contacted NSIP (National Sheep Improvement Program) to see what was involved in signing up and what sort of incentives could be offered if the Association promoted the concept.

The short answer is that any breeder may join, we have several breeders that are going to be enrolling their flocks and we are excited to see Teeswaters added to the list of sheep breeds involved in this exciting program. The administrators did say that there could likely be a financial incentive for enrolling as an association, but we will need to make the decision to promote that to the membership and be able to make some sort of commitment before we could explore that discussion further.

It is important to note, that not just members of the ATSA, but rather all Teeswater owners/breeders are free to participate. We will be talking more about the NSIP program at the annual membership meeting, and there is more information available for review here: <http://nsip.org>. If this is something the association decides they want to pursue we will also post information on the website and could possibly consider incentives for initial set up. We are very interested in hearing from everybody and gauging a level of interest.

We have also set up a workgroup for working on the phenotypic evaluation process, breed standard and several other initiatives that have been on the back burner this last year. If you are interested in listening in or participating, please drop me an email at [hmcarter@hotmail.com](mailto:hmcarter@hotmail.com), we would love to have you and encourage new ideas and perspective.

## **Newsletter Submissions:**

The newsletter editor(s) welcome submissions of articles, photos, write-ups on shows/events attended et cetera. Please contact us via [info@americanteesatersheep.com](mailto:info@americanteesatersheep.com)

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Deadline for Submission</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>
Spring	March 15	April 1
Summer	June 15	July 1
Fall	Sept 15	Oct 1
Winter	Dec 15	Jan 1

**APPENDIX A – Meeting Minutes**  
**No approved minutes this time.**