

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ED BARNES

MARGE CHURCHILL

JO VAN HOY

JO SWAN

CHARLES BEDINGER

MEMBERS:

LOU DE VRIES AND FRIEND (WHO TANGLED WITH HORSE,,HORSE WON)

BILL HEFFERNAN

DANIEL WEIL

TOM AND LISA GREENE

ELAINE AND MIKE ZIMMERMAN

PEARCE AND ALICE MCKINNEY

THERE WERE A FEW OTHERS WHO HAD BEEN AT THE SALE EARLIER IN THE DAY WHO WERE HAULING OUT AND COULDN'T ATTEND THE DINNER AND MEETING. NOT ALL SIGNED THE SHEET SENT AROUND SO SORRY THEIR NAMES AREN'T INCLUDED

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRES. BARNES AFTER DINNER (AND IT WAS A NICE SMORGASBORD,) 6:19 PM

AGENDA:

BY LAWS ARE BEING RE WORKED BY THE BOARD, WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT MEETING IN OREGON IN AUGUST TO BE PRESENTED AND FINALIZED./ THEN THEY WILL BE MAILED OUT TO ALL MEMBERS TO BE VOTED ON. MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONCERNS WITH SOMETHING IN THEM WILL HAVE TO CONTACT A BOARD OR OFFICER AND MAKE THEIR WISHES KNOWN.

WEB SITE UPDATE: PROBLEMS WITH LINKS, SOME CAN'T GET IT AT ALL. SOMEONE WANTS THE BYLAWS ON IT, ALSO THE BREEDERS HANDBOOK THAT LINDA O NEILL DID UP COUPLE YEARS AGO AND ASSOCIATION BOUGHT FROM HER. NEEDS UPDATING AGAIN. KEVIN COPPOLA IS STILL OUR WEBMASTER. AGAIN, A STANDING COMMITTEE TO WORK ON IT WITH HIM. TRY NOT TO BE STATIC IN ITS CONTENT. KEVIN HAS DONE A LOT OF HARD FOR WORK THE WEB SITE.

AGAIN" COMPUTER DATA BASE FOR THE REGISTRY. CHARLES BEDINGER AND PEARCE MCKINNEY TO CHAIR A COMMITTEE TO TRY

AND CANNOT STERILIZE IT AGAIN. BETWEEN MULTIPLE DOUBLED SHEEP, DUEL REGISTRATIONS, MOST PROGRAMS WILL KICK OUT. BARNES SUGGESTED STARTING WITH THE CURRENT ONES BEING REGISTERED AND WORKING BACKWARDS, FIGURED 5 YEARS IT WOULD BE ALL DONE.....

NEWSLETTER: ED LIKES PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS LETTER, BUT GROUP ALL AGREED HAS TO HAVE CONTENT NOT JUST SHOW. ED WANTS ANOTHER COMMITTEE TO STUDY IT.

CHAT LINE: THINKS HE CAN IMPOSE RULES ON THE CHATLINE THAT WOULD SUIT ??? THE CHAT LINE IS THE OFFICIAL LINE FOR THE ST CROIX, BUT IT IS ALSO A VOICE FOR ALL TO BE HEARD, NOT JUST WHAT AN ARBITRARY RULE SAYS. DECIDED NO RULES. ED WANTS A DISCLAIMER ON IT THAT THE OPINIONS ARE TO EACH THEIR OWN.. THATS A GIVEN.....

TEXAS HAIR SHEEP ASSOC. GOT A GRANT FOR PROMOTION OF THEIR SHEEP. NOW ED WANTS TO LOOK AT GRANTS FOR THE ASSOCIATION. TEXAS ASSOC. IS A FOR PROFIT GROUP, WE ARE NOT. GETTING GRANTS COULD JEOPARDIZE OUR TAX STATUS AS AN EDUCATION ORGANIZATION. WE COULD PROBABLY LIST WHERE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING FOR PROFIT COULD GO TO GET A GRANT.

KEVIN COPPOLA WANTS TO START A CONTEST AMONG THE MEMBERS TO SEND IN THEIR BEST PHOTOS OF THE SHEEP TO PUT ON THE WEB SITE. ALL PHOTOS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND THE BEST CAN WIN \$100.00>>>>>>>>GOOD GREEN STUFF! THE PHOTOS COULD ALSO BE USED FOR EXPORT PROMOTION. THERE ARE 5 AREAS TO SHIP OUT OF TO FOREIGN PORTS, BUT IT TAKES A LOT OF SHEEP, LOT OF DOLLARS TO DO SO. COLOR ALSO COUNTS FOR EXPORT. THE BAHAMIANS LOOKED AT KATAHDIN SHEEP AND TURNED THEM DOWN BECAUSE THEY COME IN ALL COLORS AND WITH OR WITHOUT HORNS..THEY WANT CONSISTANCY.

CH. BEDINGER WANTS TO KNOW IF WE WANT TO DO THE SHOW>SALE AGAIN NEXT YEAR. NOT A GATHERING, THAT COULD BE SOMEWHERE ELSE. GREG DEAKIN HAS INVITED US BACK. SALES IN STANTON, VI, DENVER COL. WOULD BE GOOD PLACES TO BREAK INTO AS WE GATHER MORE BREEDERS AND SHEEP IN THOSE AREAS.

JOAN BURKE MENTIONED WE DROPPED THE BALL IN PROMOTION AT THE SHOW AND SALE AS NO ONE WITHIN HEARING HEARD

ABOUT THE PARASITE RESISTANCES OF SC...SHE WAS QUITE RIGHT ...

THE SUBJECT OF MEAT, BUTCHERING, PRICES, WAS BROUGHT UP, JO SWAN HAD A FLYER FROM A LOCAL MEAT MAN IN OREGON WITH THE PRICES.

BEFORE THE MEETING WE HAD 2 SPEAKERS, JOAN BURKE FROM USDA DALE BUMPERS RESEARCH CENTER AND UNIQUE GENETICS ON SHIPPING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

WE WISH TO THANK CHARLES BEDINGER AND PEARCE AND ALICE MC KINNEY FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY, FOOD (THE STEW WAS DELICIOUS), GREG DEAKIN FOR GETTING US INVOLVED IN OUR FIRST EVER SALE AND SHOW ON A NATIONAL LEVEL. WE WERE CERTAINLY NOVICES COMING INTO IT! BUT HOPEFULLY WE HAVE LEARNED A FEW THINGS, AND IF WE DO IT AS A GROUP AGAIN OR SINGULARLY NEXT YEAR IT WOULD BE TO THE SHEEP'S BENEFIT TO GET THE EXPOSURE. CHARLES SAID IT USUALLY TAKES 3 YEARS OF BEING THERE TO REALLY MAKE THE GRADE. ALL SHEEP TAKEN WERE SOLD. WE GOT TO MEET MEMBERS FROM THE MID WEST, HAD FUN, ONLY GOT LOST A LITTLE ...

THERE WERE NO VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE ON THE 2005 GATHERING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST IT, PLEASE CONTACT SOMEONE FROM THE BOARD SO WE CAN WORK ON IT. PLEASE HAVE AN AGENDA IN MIND WHEN YOU SUBMIT. ONE PERSON THAT HAD BEEN THOUGHT OF TO CONTACT AS A SPEAKER WAS DR STEPHEN WILDEUS AT VIRGINIA WHERE HE WORKS WITH SC.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE OREGON STATE FAIR, AUGUST 26 TO SEPT. 1ST. ACTUAL DAY AND TIME WILL BE SET AT THE FAIR TO ACCOMMODATE SHOW PEOPLE.

FOR THOSE WHO COULDN'T ATTEND THE SEMINARS, CONTACT THE SECRETARY FOR NOTES ON THE TWO SPEAKERS. SOME INTERESTING MATERIAL.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:15 PM

THANKS TO ALL WHO ORGANIZED, HAULED, SHOWED, BOUGHT AND SUPPORTED THE ASSOCIATION..GOOD SHOW!