

NLSBA Minutes
Teleconference
December 17, 2015

President Robin Meek called the teleconference meeting of the NLSBA to order at 9:05 EST on December 14, 2015. Participating were Emma Long, Debbie Vanderwende, Lori Shea, Diane Klingelhofer, Eric Froehlich, and David Day.

Robin Meek welcomed everyone and after brief introductions, the meeting resumed.

Debbie Vanderwende was called upon for the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Current balances are as follows; Checking has a balance of \$14,829.39, noting that several substantial bills will need to be paid in January. The Roger Watkins Memorial Fund has a current balance of \$3644.00 and we are paying \$5.00/ mo. maintenance fee.

President Meek called for old business. Emma Long reported that the web site is very close to being live and includes a Junior page, England trip update, show results, upcoming dates, breed directory, etc. Costs were discussed. Emma will contact Webmaster and will provide a link to a prototype.

Taylor Meek is doing the Facebook page and has 83 likes to date.

President Meek reported that the Tax Exempt Status is "under construction". All records are currently in the offices of Sombar & Co, CPAs and we have 3 options to accomplish our goal. Member Teresa Kruse, CPA was also contacted since she has had experience in similar situations with other breed associations. She has been asked for input or services and it was decided to give her a deadline in order to keep this moving forward. If in the case she has no further input, CPA Sombar is ready to move at our instruction.

Emma Long requested an audit. After discussion, it was decided that it would be in house and scheduled for May during the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. David Day and Diane Klingelhofer will perform the audit and sign off on the books.

Debbie Vanderwende gave the Lincoln Futurity Report. There were 6 animals participating. Winner of the White Division was Laurie Baughman. Laurie also won the Natural Colored Division; Terence Blake was second, third was Brittany Anderson, fourth and fifth was Laurie Baughman (with no pay out on the fifth).

Also under Old Business, President Meek spoke concerning the North Carolina flock seeking registration status. She will make the contact and follow up on their request.

Discussion of the breed signs available to members was brisk as only 8 are left and we pay a storage fee of +\$10.00/mo. An attempt was made by the Treasurer to collect for 5 signs sent to members by the storage company and as of the meeting only one

had paid. The Treasurer feels that all but one of these members will pay, but we can suspend all privileges with the Registry Association until the debt is paid. The board agreed that we should try to decrease the inventory by advertising in the newsletter and website and any signs left after April 1, 2016 should be relocated to Debbie Vanderwende and she will take responsibility for the orders until depleted.

President Robin Meek then called for New Business. First on the agenda was the newsletter by Emma Long. She stated that the newsletter will be mailed twice a year and the current edition is almost ready. It will include a formal announcement of election results; show results, photos, and a tribute to Joe Seavey, information on the England trip, Black Sheep Gathering review, breed directory, Lincoln Store (including new labels) and other pertinent information.

A hard copy breeder directory was requested and it was suggested that there be a check box on the registry worksheet to order a copy. Debbie Vanderwende will look into this.

A welcome packet to new members was discussed and it was decided that it should include possibly a Lincoln information brochure, breed standards, and a breeder directory. Robin Meek and Debbie Vanderwende will work on a plan.

The 2016 National Lincoln Show and Sale was brought up by Robin Meek with viable options as Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Wooster, OH, Eaton, OH and Springfield, IL West Coast sales, Estes Park, Colorado, and The Big E have not been successful locations for various reasons. Discussion ensued and it was decided to seek Greg Deacon's advice, since he will be most likely managing it. This topic will be tabled until the January Budget Meeting.

President Robin Meek informed the board of the 2016 100th Anniversary of the Big E celebration and the suggestion from Deb Hopkins to make this the site of our National Lincoln show instead of NAILE in Louisville especially since it is our biggest show as of late. Diane Klingelhofer expressed concern with its removal from NAILE, the time frame involved, complications with rules and inconsistency. The board decided to let it stand as is, with no action taken.

In an effort to establish a 2016 budget, a meeting was scheduled for January 10, 2016. Discussion determined that Sunday evenings seem best with 8-9pm EST as start time. Emma Long will communicate the final plan and David Day's generous offer for call in service was accepted.

At 10:46 pm EST it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Vanderwende, Secretary