

## **NLSBA Minutes**

### **Teleconference**

**March 20, 2016**

President Robin Meek called the second quarterly teleconference meeting of the NLSBA to order at 8:10 EST on March 20, 2016. Also in attendance were Emma Long, Debbie Vanderwende, Lori Shea, Diane Klingelhofer, and David Day.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with as they were approved prior to the meeting. President Meek discussed the budget, which had been approved by the board. The general budget is now in place to be used as a management tool and to justify spending in an effort to afford total transparency. Quarterly conference call meetings will be scheduled in order to touch base and keep everyone current.

Debbie Vanderwende gave the Treasurer's report, which is as follows; Checking has a balance of \$14,835.27 after \$662.52 in disbursements and deposits totaling \$105.63. The Roger Watkins Memorial Fund has a current balance of \$3,629.00.

Under old business, the board expressed concerns with the website management and keeping it up to date. Emma Long requested that any pertinent information, pictures and articles please be sent to her so she can forward it to the Webmaster.

The necessity of a hard copy directory was revisited and it was decided that before it should go to print, it needed to be consistent and professional looking. David Day volunteered to clean this up and create a printable form. These directories could be sent out to new members in a welcome packet, would be available by request to current members, and would be used in the breed display at various shows and festivals. A list of breeders is available on the website and in the newsletter and is updated quarterly by the registry.

Show updates include the addition of 2 classes in both the Junior White and Natural Colored Lincoln Shows at NAILE. These are Pair of Ewe Lambs and Young Flock. Also new for 2016 at ESE will be Best Headed

Lincoln ewe and ram, both White and Natural Colored. President Meek is looking into pottery awards similar to those presented in the past.

The National Lincoln Show and Sale will be at Wooster, Ohio in May. It was felt that this is an excellent showcase for the Lincoln breed, however we will evaluate this location at our June conference call. Diane Klingelhofer suggested that it would be nice to have ribbons for the show as many other breeds do so. Debbie Vanderwende will order ribbons to acknowledge the champions and reserves for this year's event.

It was decided that the newsletter should be quarterly. Emma Long, as editor needs help with articles and has requested that each regional director write a short update of news in their area.

We are currently waiting for retroactive tax-exempt reinstatement. Necessary tax forms are complete, 1024 is done and letters have been written.

David Day will organize a brief "meet and greet" after the Sale Show on Friday at Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival.

The next teleconference meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Sunday evening in June. Again we would like to express our appreciation to David Day for allowing us to use his service.

At 9:06pm EST, it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Vanderwende, Secretary