

NLSBA Conference Call Minutes

July 12, 2016

President Robin Meek called the quarterly meeting of the NLSBA to order at 8:13 pm EST with 6 board members participating.

Debbie Vanderwende gave the Treasurer's Report and indicated that there will be an increase in all banking fees with our current institution. The board recommended that maybe we should find a more compatible and organizational friendly bank. Debbie will look into this. Debbie also reported that our tax-exempt status is still pending, but as of this posting we have been reinstated retroactive May 15, 2010. We have received letters from several State Fairs and Festivals inviting donations, but it is the feeling of the board that this should only occur under special circumstances and not be general response to every invitation. The board also discussed ideas to benefit youth by putting the Roger Watkins Youth Fund to work. Suggestions were to possibly fund youth shows or give scholarships to members attending a 4-year Agricultural College. Further discussion and ideas are needed. The board also discussed that maybe we need to choose 5-6 shows where we will make a concerted effort to promote the breed and make sure all the necessary steps are taken for a nice presentation.

Next on the agenda was discussion of the venue for the 2017 National Lincoln Show and Sale. It was the feeling of the board that the event should be Midwest or East Coast. The Wooster, Ohio location has proven to be a good sale especially for ewe lambs in recent years, but Emma Long volunteered to contact the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival about a change in 2017.

The hard copy Lincoln Sheep Breeders Directory was reviewed as David Day and family presented a prototype copy to the officers at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. A big thanks to David and family for the hours spent on this monumental task. With a few updates, Emma Long will see to getting it printed.

Robin Meek announced that there will be a new class added to the Lincoln show at the 100th Anniversary Big E Lincoln Show this year. There will be "best headed" natural colored and white ram and ewe selections for the first time. Winners will be awarded hand done pottery mugs secured by Taylor Meek.

The Lincoln Futurity Program was then discussed. It has been suggested that we add a Yearling Ewe category in order to help motivate youth to keep and breed these animals. Robin Meek will contact Mindy Reed for input and ideas on this subject.

Also under old business, the Lincoln Newsletter was discussed, as it is many months behind. Emma Long expressed that she needs contributions from regional directors for news about shows and deadlines. This needs to be on a more regular

schedule. Also discussed was keeping the website updated with show and sale results. These are important communications that cannot be ignored.

The next conference call will be scheduled for October. Some of our officers will be returning from a trip to England as guests of the UK Lincoln Breeders at that time. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Vanderwende, Sec