

**NLSBA Conference Call
January 23, 2017**

The Quarterly Conference Call commenced at 8:19 pm EST with 3 officers, 3 directors and one guest calling in. Mindy Reid was present to explain the new futurity proposal and to answer any questions. Animals are to be registered in only one junior's name to make it fair for individuals purchasing a ewe for futurity, as opposed to a dual junior registration within a family. There is much concern over paper trails and money deposits on futurity selections if on-line sale options are to be included. It was decided that yearling ewes may be recycled through the futurity program, if they had been purchased as a futurity nominated ewe lamb previously. They must be renominated by June 1 deadline. The board decided that more research and discussion would be necessary before determining what other sale locations could be included as well as on-line sales. New futurity guidelines will be available on the web site and in the newsletter by March 15.

Debbie and Robin will work on the new budget proposal for 2017.

The election will be held in 2017. The slate of nominees will be presented at the biennial meeting in Wooster, Ohio, site of the National Show and Sale. Nominating committee is David Day, Christiane Paton and Debbie Vanderwende. Biographies are needed for all nominees. Offices up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Northeast District and West Coast District. The Imperial Room at the Best Western Hotel will be the meeting site with a possible Dessert Bar and refreshments. Debbie Vanderwende will again sponsor ribbons for the National Show and Sale. June 1 is the deadline to pay annual dues and to be eligible to vote.

Emma will have the Spring newsletter out by mid-March and will include points of interest, June 1 deadline, Lambing 101, and the wool campaign.

Two breeders/judges from England have expressed an interest in judging Lincolns in the United States. They are Ian Whiting (Risby Flock) and Michael Coney (Belton and Hutch Flocks). What shows are a possibility? More discussion is needed.

The semen project is operational again. This must be done by March 15. The quarantine has been relaxed. It was suggested that Brian Larson do an article on this since he is the contact.

Unfortunately, we have lost our longtime sponsorship for the Junior All American Show. The Lincoln Association would be very grateful to have a new sponsor or sponsors for this wonderful youth experience.

We will have a teleconference in April to plan Wooster. The meeting adjourned at 9:36pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Vanderwende, NLSBA Secretary/ Treasurer