

## Meeting of the Texas Lamb Breeders' Association

Llano, Texas

April 19, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Texas Lamb Breeders' Association was held in Llano, Texas, on April 19, 2011. President Shawn Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with the following directors present: Jason Jacoby, Mark Tillman, Craig Barton, David Whitworth, James Dickison, Pat Jackson, Kevin Fritz, and Troy Ruffin. Also present were David Garrett, Brad Roeder, Susan Fritz, and Katie Fritz.

It was noted that 2010 had been a good year for the TLBA, however, we continue to see problems with the misuse of ear tags. Thus President Ramsey had asked David Garrett to attend the meeting and help the Association with this issue.

The Secretary read the previous minutes of the meeting of November 2, 2010. They were approved as read.

The Secretary then gave a brief financial report of the past winter and our bank balance at the present. Our bank balance as of December 31, 2010 was \$83,547.00. The premium payout by the Association for the past stock show season were \$22,650.00 for Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin. The total premium payout for San Angelo was \$46,290. The total amount for all stock shows was \$68,940.00. Our cash balance as of March 31, 2011, was \$11,741.00.

It was noted that ear tags for the coming year have been ordered and should be available very soon. This year's tags will be the new Allflex tag in the color yellow.

It was moved by Jason Jacoby to accept the financial report as given. Seconded by David Whitworth. Motion carried.

President Ramsey briefly reported on the continued success of the San Antonio Sheep Skillathon. This year's event had 95 contestants. Two \$10,000 scholarships were given by San Antonio and the TLBA along with the validation committee supported the event with \$2,000 in special premiums, each.

There was then discussion on possible electronic payment of ear tags through the use of PayPal or other methods. It was decided this should be looked into further.

Craig Barton moved to put Shawn Ramsey in charge of deciding on a method of website payment of dues and eartags. Seconded by Pat Jackson. Motion carried.

Brad Roeder then spoke on behalf of hair sheep breeders. The discussion was on adding hair sheep to the San Angelo Livestock Show. He thought about 10 breeders, at the present, would be interested in becoming a part of the TLBA. There was then discussion on the different option available. It was agreed

upon that the Board would like to see more information for the San Angelo show. However, there was much positive discussion on allowing the hair sheep breeders to be a part of the TLBA.

Mark Tillman moved to have the President write a letter of TLBA support of hair sheep to the San Angelo Livestock Show. Seconded by Troy Ruffin. Motion passed.

The President then asked for nominations for directors with terms expiring in 2013. The following members, who have paid lifetime dues, were nominated: Fred Chandler, Kevin Fritz, Pat Jackson, Shawn Ramsey, Troy Ruffin, David Garrett, and Sarah Brister.

It was moved by Jason Jacoby to elect this slate of directors by acclimation. Seconded by David Whitworth. Motion passed.

At this time President Ramsey distributed a possible agreement and confirmation form to be used by all members of the TLBA.

The meeting was turned over to David Garrett to look at this possible form. It was noted there had been considerable discussion on the definition of what is a Texas lamb, either bred or born.

Those present were broken into two groups to discuss possible ideas as to how to solve this problem.

List those possible suggestions.... (waiting on list from David)

The President noted that each Director needed to look at this form and report back to this committee. The committee would be chaired by David Garrett, and also consist of Kevin Fritz, Troy Ruffin, Craig Barton, Pat Jackson, and James Dickison.

It would be very important that we define what is a Texas born sheep, encourage the tagging of lambs before they leave the farm or ranch, define what is a Texas breeder, look at DNA testing, and begin investigation of questionable animals by a committee.

Dates for a future meeting would be looked at.

With no further business to conduct, it was moved by David Whitworth, and seconded by Jason Jacoby for the meeting to adjourn at 8:00 p.m

