

Western States Dorper Association

Nov 25th 2013 5:00pm Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Lewis at 5:07 PM. The Facilitator of the meeting was Paul Lewis and the Note Taker was Stephanie Payne.

Attendees: Paul Lewis, Harry Owens, Marilyn Redden, David Miller and Stephanie Payne
Jim Ashmore joined the call before the By-law amendments were addressed
Both Emily Vincent and Robert Luckadoo were unable to be on the call due to work.

Minutes

Agenda Item: Nugget Sale

Discussion:

It was brought to the Boards attention that the Nugget Sale would in fact be held this coming year on May 29-31 and that a new company had taken over the production of the sale. The new company is Willoughby Sales out of Sheridan, IN. The contact person is Dan Willoughby (317) 758 5682. A call was placed to Willoughby Sales and they said that they are still planning on having Dorpers as part of their show and sale, but that they would not be having a certified Dorper judge at their sale

Action:

As per our Memorandum of Understanding with the American Dorper Sheep Breeders Society, we are required to have a Certified Dorper judge at any show we are officially affiliated with and thus we are unable to officially be part of the Nugget Show and Sale. That being said, we will make sure that our members are aware of the show and sale if they wish to attend.

Agenda Item: Update on Western States Dorper Sale

Discussion:

Marilyn gave an update on the Western States Dorper Sale

- Date of the Sale will be Sunday May 25th at the Orland Fairgrounds
- Looking into the possibility of having some educational seminars on Saturday afternoon and then would like to have the Annual Meeting of the WSDA Saturday night along with a dinner.
- Billy Wade will be on hand to sift the sheep in order to establish a sale order and to make sure animals are sound for sale. Paul will get with Billy to nail down what his compensation will be.
- The West Coast Production website will remain open for this year and will direct people over to the Western States Dorper Association website.

- All original members of the West Coast Production Sale will be there to sell including Antonio.
- The sale will be open to all members of the WSDA
- The only limit that will be imposed on the number of animals you can bring is if you bring more than 2 rams you must then bring 2 ewes for every other ram that you bring. This will prevent the sale from being too ram heavy
- There will be a \$10.00 non-refundable per head entry fee.
- There will be a \$300 minimum bid on all registered sheep.
- Seller will be responsible for paying a 10% commission on any animal that they sell.
- Emily is working on an Ad for the Sale and ads will be placed with ADSBS, Capital Press as well as any other free publications.
- Stephanie will send out a tentative entry form soon so as to get an idea of how many people will be involved in the sale.
- Catalogs will be ready a month before the sale.

Action:

Marilyn and her committee (Emily Vincent, Jane Patton, and Jim Ashmore) will continue to work on the sale and will give us updates as they have them

Agenda Item: By-law revision

Discussion:

The proposed bylaw amendments were read and a brief discussion was held on a few wording changes as referenced below.

WSDA Approved Bylaws Board Member Removal Clause Amendment, November 25, 2013 as corrected in green text:

Article VI, 17. Directors may be removed from office, with cause, as permitted by and in accordance with the laws of this state. (Montana).

Article VI, 18. A request for removal consideration is presented to the Board of Directors with explanation for removal and associated evidence **in writing; may be presented via e-mail or US Postal Service Mail.** The senior board officer not included in removal will convene a special board meeting to discuss evidence and need for further research as may be necessary. Upon determination for need to remove member first action will request a voluntary termination. If not agreeable the board members, excluding the requested removal, will convene to conduct a vote for approving the removal. A two thirds majority vote of the board is required to remove the board member.

Article VI, 19. Excessive unexcused absence. Board members who miss three or more regular and/or special meetings without coordinated and communicated excuse constitutes cause for removal from board position.

Article VI, 20. Fraud or financial irresponsible acts. Any board member who commits fraud or any financial irresponsibility when trusted with managing or handling association

funds and associated transaction records/receipts **is cause** for immediate removal. The Association reserves the right to pursue civil or other legal actions to recover any loss or damage to the Association.

Action:

Marilyn made a motion to accept the amendments to the by-laws

David seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous for adoption of the amendments.

In accordance with our by-laws the amendments take effect immediately and the membership will vote to ratify the amendments at the next Annual meeting.

Other Items:

- The Board of Directors entered a brief close door meeting in regards to the disposition of a current board member.

David Miller moved and Jim Ashmore seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:34pm

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie Payne