

Minutes SCHSBI Board of Directors meeting Dec 11, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Crystal Criswell (CC), Lori Marion (LM), Elizabeth Hernandez (EH), Jason Webster (JW) present, and Tamara Lambdin Abney (TLA) absent. President votes on acceptance of minutes; votes on action decisions only when there is a tie.

1. Minutes from 12 Oct 2023 mtg: Motion to approve EH, 2nd by CC. Unanimous approval.
2. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer CC presented, reports for Sept, Oct and Nov posted on slack, current balance \$13931.93. All spending planned and approved by board for registry and website change met cost projections.

Current Projects /Issues

1. Grassroots Registry
 1. Accessible now to all members.
 2. Instructions/aids for new users reviewed
 1. mailed packets with log-in and instructions
 2. instructional videos on website/you tube channel
 3. call registrar for specific issues or help
 4. ask a director for assistance with full walk-through process if needed.
 3. Member contact info now available for all who ok'd release when becoming members.
 4. Issues to bring to registrar at regular GR/SCHSBI mtg:
 1. Removing animals for sale on Virtual Marketplace after 60 days to keep list current: Motion LM, 2nd CC, unanimous approval.
 2. Set annual survey to encourage members to remove sold/deceased animals in July. Motion LM, 2nd EH, unanimous approval.
2. Communications/Website
 1. Need to share access and responsibility for updates for website, all other business functions. Directors with access info to compile, means to share to be determined.
 2. Decision: Post minutes after board acceptance on website, for members only: Motion CC, 2nd LM, unanimous approval.
3. Genetics Project
 1. Presentation of results to all interested members, virtual meeting 20 Feb 2024. Dr Murdoch will present results, Dr S to offer perspective on breed conservation and use of the information. Committee will meet (date/time TBD) following presentation.
 2. Dr Sponenberg to be offered consultant membership for the duration of the genetics project or until it is no longer beneficial. This will allow him access

to pedigree data for all sheep. Motion CC, 2nd LM, unanimous approval.

4. Annual Meeting – 28 October 2023, attendance approximately 35 members. Recording available on website and on You tube channel. Closed.
5. Financial Updates and Decisions
 1. Managing PayPal balance – clarification – funds in paypal (from mbrshps/ regstrn payments) will be transferred at least monthly to bank account.
 2. Ensure continued non-profit status with IRS – treasurer
 3. Establish an interest-earning account for funds in SCHSBI checking account not needed for any immediate purpose. Verified that there is an adequate nbr of no-fee deposits and withdrawals allowed, minimum balance is acceptable. Motion LM, 2nd EH, Unanimous approval.
 4. Credit card with cash back feature for use paying authorized expenses. Discussed benefits and risks, no motion made.
6. Virtual mailbox service and call forwarding – Contract established as previously approved for mail, phone forwarding working well per BH, Secretary New address is: St. Croix Hair Sheep Breeders, 1292 High Street #1178, Eugene OR 97401, 458-240-3499.
7. Board communications platform – moving to Google Workspace free under Non-profit status, provides needed direct messaging (chat), topic discussions (Spaces), share documents (Drive), virtual meeting (Meet), Calendar, and association gmail address for each director.

New Projects

1. Formally codify in bylaws that St Croix owners from other countries can be members and register sheep. Clarified this has always been true but has not always been clear. LM to draft language for January meeting.
2. Resource library for members – compile reliable sources of St Croix management information. Electronic free, or buy paper copy. Implementation date goal Dec 2024. No motion made to assign project.
3. Encourage new director recruitment to fill vacancy, present possible candidates to board for discussion and vote. Motion CC, 2nd LM, unanimous approval.
4. Meeting set for second Monday of each month, unless a holiday, for which the date will be adjusted accordingly. Motion CC, 2nd LM, unanimous approval.

Next meeting scheduled Monday, 8 Jan 2024. 7 PM Eastern. Officers will be elected at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous assent.