

Minutes SCHSBI Board of Directors meeting Jan 8 2024, 7:00 PM EST

Crystal Criswell (CC), Elizabeth Hernandez (EH), Tamara Lambdin Abney (TLA), Lori Marion (LM), Jason Webster (JW), Amy Wheeler (AW) present. Beth Hall has resigned from the board of directors. President votes on acceptance of minutes; votes on action decisions only when there is a tie.

1. Minutes from 11 Dec 2023 mtg: Motion to approve EH, 2nd by CC. Unanimous approval.
2. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer CC presented in Financial Issues Section
3. Officer Elections
 - a. President: JW nominated and accepted, Motion made by CC, 2nd by TLA, unanimous approval
 - b. Vice President: LM nominated and accepted, Motion made by EH, 2nd by TLA, unanimous approval
 - c. Treasurer: CC nominated and accepted, Motion made by AW, 2nd by TLA, unanimous approval
 - d. Secretary: No nominations, Secretary's duties to be divided until vacancy filled. LM to act as interim secretary, managing agenda. Jason to ask for corporate documents to be sent to LM. CC to receive/respond to SCHSB phone call and email inquiries.

Current Projects /Issues

1. Grassroots Registry- This item is completed and closed. Regular check-in meetings with Registrar will continue with any current GR concerns. Members welcome to bring concerns with GR to board for resolution.
 - a. Accessible now to all members.
 - b. Instructions/aids for new users reviewed
 - i. mailed packets with log-in and instructions
 - ii. instructional videos on website/you tube channel
 - iii. call registrar for specific issues or help
 - iv. ask a director for assistance with full walk-through process if needed.
 - c. Member contact info now available for all who ok'd release when becoming members.
 - d. Issues to bring to registrar at regular GR/SCHSBI mtg:
 - i. Removing animals for sale on Virtual Marketplace after 60 days to keep list current.
 - ii. Set annual survey to encourage members to remove sold/deceased animals in July.
 - iii. Make member-search regions more intuitive.
2. Communications/Website
 - a. Directors with SCHSB business info, contacts to share by adding to document

- “Access and Contacts” shared on workspace. Once completed, means to maintain for board access to be determined. Management of website updates to be shared within board or with member volunteer
- b. Crystal to determine method for sharing minutes with members starting with Dec 2023 minutes and going forward.
3. Genetics Project
 - a. Invitation to sign up for video presentation of results will be sent in Newsletter to all interested members, virtual meeting 20 Feb 2024, 7 PM Eastern. Committee will meet (date/time TBD) following presentation.
 - b. Possibility of dedicating additional funds to project when specific needs are identified - for additional testing, including VI sheep.
 4. Financial Updates and Decisions
 - a. Motion to apply, fund and ensure continued non-profit status with IRS Motion CC, 2nd LM, unanimous approval. This will help reduce PayPal transaction fees. Motion LM, 2nd EH, Unanimous approval.
 - b. Interest-bearing Money Market account established 8 Jan 2024, with acceptable terms for withdrawals, interest, and balance.
 - c. SCHSB Balance 1/1/2024 is \$14645.72, Starting balance 1/1/2023 was \$14,805.41, with transitions to new website and registry complete.
 - d. Proposed 2024 Budget to include \$600 fee for IRS for non-profit status application, \$1500 for annual meeting (to include speaker’s fees), Advertising expenditures (ads, banners, flyers) \$650. Total \$2750, in addition to business costs. Expectation is annual balance will remain stable. Motion LM, 2nd CC. Unanimous approval.
 5. Virtual Store for SCHSB branded items on Website
 - a. On-demand provider, charges flat fee for item, SCHSB determines retail price.
 - b. EH to explore specific products, provider, possibilities include embroidered clothing, sublimating glasses, others
 6. Clarification of Bylaws for International Members: Proposed changes in Blue. Motion to approve LM, 2nd CC, unanimous approval
 - a. Section 2.2 Qualification for Membership. Membership is open to any individual who is interested in, promotes, owns, or breeds St. Croix Hair Sheep, [whether permanently living in the United States, or in another nation. Members agree to abide by the SCHSB Member Code of Ethics.](#)
 - b. Section 3.2.2 Each director serves for a term of 4 years or until a successor is elected, whichever is earlier. The initial directors will have a term of 1 year, and the initial 4 year term length may be adjusted as needed to synchronize the election cycle. Directors must maintain membership during their term.

Directors must be residents of the United States and subject to United States law.

New Projects

1. Annual Meeting - preliminary planning questions. Motion to table further discussion and decisions until February 2024 meeting, directors to consider options made by AW, 2nd by EH, unanimous approval.
 - a. Virtual/Video meeting vs In-person - regular schedule? Where if in-person?
 - b. Speakers - one or multiple topics, tag onto other educational presentations if in person
 - c. Budget

2. Resource library for members – discussed brochure updates (advertising), in addition to resources on St Croix management on website. Electronic free, or buy paper copy. Implementation date goal Dec 2024. No motion made to assign project.

Next meeting scheduled Monday, 12 Feb 2024. 7 PM Eastern. Meeting adjourned by unanimous assent.