

Minutes for SCHSB BoD Meeting 14 July 2025, 7 pm Eastern

Present: Crystal Criswell, Elizabeth Hernandez, Lori Marion, Jason Webster, Amy Wheeler. Absent: Tamara Lambdin-Abney and Tara Seltz

1. Approval of 9 Jun 2025 meeting minutes as amended: Motion by CC 2nd AW, unanimous approval. Amendment to indicate that Annual Meeting (Topic 5 no new material discussed as no meeting with Chad Page had occurred since last meeting. Motion to adjourn the June 9 meeting was made by AW and Seconded by TS, Unanimous approval).
2. Balance as of 30 June 2025 \$19,472.33 Non-profit application fee, quarterly TLC payment for GR, and D & O Liability Insurance payment now paid out.

Meeting Topics:

1. Registry/Grassroots Registry 18 June GR/SCHSB Meeting Outcomes
 - a. AM reports GR developers say a change to using states as regions would need to be done manually for each member record (>1K.) Subregion column (state) in Sale animals and that can be sorted to find all from 1 state.
 - b. No change to member search, would still need to click United States twice in order to be able to select individual state.
 - c. Sale animal postings have had 'date added' column since Oct 2024. All posts older than Oct 2024 removed, now 92 listings. [Need to ask Jaye to shorten time-frame of posts to 4 months](#) (remove posts 4 months after posting date), but need to inform members of that too.
 - d. Update on missing tag numbers, duplicate records. Farm prefix and tag number are both needed/used to ensure unique animal identifier. Manually checked by Jaye when duplicate tag numbers flagged (a lot of them because farm prefix is in name field not tag number). No advantage to making name-field mandatory.
 - e. Survey set for 25 June - 8 Aug 2025 (member asked at log-in to remove sold or dead animals from flock list to ensure accuracy in animal count, can check 'done' and not see message anymore. Sent wording for news item in GR (posted) , need to post website, facebook. [\(No check-in notice at log in like original survey posted, only the announcement as of 14 July 25\).](#)
 - f. LM to arrange TLC/GR meeting in July or August prior to meeting, CC to attend, all directors welcome.

2. Communications and Member Engagement: Website / Facebook / Newsletter
 - a. 10 July 25 next Water Trough Chat: AW, CC moderated. Annual meeting and USU flock, ewe longevity and health. 4 members.
Next WTC 14 August 2025 LM, EH. JW, AW also likely
 - b. Classifieds app for members to list sheep for sale has made progress
 - i. Professional identified relay error - not sending notification emails from GoDaddy to google workspace email addresses. (Emails for account requests and posts). CC continuing to work on resolution of tech issue.
 - c. Facebook Update
 - i. Confusion over whether alternate St Croix sheep group page will accept posts from SCHSB business account. EH will test with post from business page.
 - ii. Facebook appears to be cracking down on animal sales - Must show 'for consideration' and private message only, no 'For Sale', no price listing.
 - d. SCHSB Survey - Sent to about 170 members, 28 returned, 50 opened but not submitted. See data summary at end of minutes.

2. Genetics Project - Report postponed, TS absent
 - a. Genetic Recovery program plan, forms, photo requirements - Update after being sent to Dr Sponenberg for review.
 - b. Updates on USU sample testing, Stephen Wildeus flock testing.

3. Financial/Business:
 - a. Treasurer's Report. See balance, report available in workspace.
 - b. 501c5 non-profit application submitted 28 May 2025. IRS info states that 80% of applications are acted upon within 210 days (24 Dec 2025).
 - c. D & O Liability Ins proposal received and accepted, invoice received and payment acknowledged. Awaiting receipt of actual policy in effect until 25 June 2026. LM

4. Annual meeting 2025 planning: Annual meeting 2025:
 - a. 4th Meeting with Chad Page of USU on 17 June 2025 postponed at Chad's request, attempts to reschedule continuing. Now hopefully 31 July 2025.
 - b. Email from Chad (Below):
 - c. *Update list of confirmed speakers*

- i. *Dr. Scott Bowdrige*
- ii. *Dr. Wildeus (just confirmed today)*
- iii. *Dr. Dustin Ranglack (USDA Predator Research Station)*
- iv. *USDA poisonous plant lab has confirmed but no name of speaker*
- v. *Myself (udder health)*
- vi. *Troy Bird USU Meat Lab Manager (carcass fabrication)*
- vii. *Justin Clawson USU county agent (drones)*
 - 1. *I envision the last three talks can be on a rotational workshop on Saturday.*
- d. *Please invite Dr. Wildeus and Dr. Murdoch or let us know if you want us to do so*
 - i. *Dr. Wildeus confirmed today that he will be coming and he seemed excited. Can the association send a more formal invite in an email, and help work with him to accommodate travel and stay.*
 - ii. *Dr. Brenda Murdoch is checking her schedule to make sure it does not conflict with a trip outside the country.*
- e. *Recommendations for hotels for attendees*
 - i. *I have checked with our other extension programs and it seems like its easiest to just have everyone book their own hotels instead of getting a block of rooms. The hotels in downtown logan seem to be nice.*
- f. *More specifics about USU animals (transport cost arrangements, specific testing requirements, allowable versus desirable ages, payment logistics)*
 - i. *I need to get a last confirmation from my boss before I send the SOPs to get this done. But be looking for that email early next week.*
- g. *Banquet - have you found archived photos/documents yet? Who will be the "MC"? Who will put together the history presentation?*
 - i. *I am currently working with an archive specialist to try and find more information. Other than a small handful of thesis, we have not found much.*
 - ii. *I also have my summer intern working on this project. If anyone has pictures or anything, please send it.*
 - iii. *I was not planning on an MC I was just working on getting a lamb dinner put together. Would it be best to have someone from the association direct the banquet?*

5. Next meeting: 11 Aug 2025, 7 pm Eastern

Motion to Adjourn by AW, 2nd CC, unanimous assent

General Survey Response:

Experience of Responders:

Extensive to Good 72%

Longevity >= 5+ years 60%, <1 0%

Flock Size -St Croix sheep, all ages and sex:

<10 3% of responders

21-40 35%

41-80 11%

>80 51%

All responders intend to increase flock size

Solar grazing mentioned

Reasons for raising St Croix breed

Breed Preservation, Commercial meet

Grassroots/TLC Provides Satisfactory Service:

0 strongly agree

25% Agree

32% Neither agree nor disagree

14% Disagree

28.5% strongly Disagree

Grassroots Registry is Satisfactory as Registry

7.1% Strongly agree

35% Agree

28% Neither agree nor disagree

17% Disagree

10% Strongly disagree

Comments on Grassroots Registry and Service

Web get bogged down

Paypal flakes out

BN'd twice, can't seem to remove

Long wait for paper registration doc

Lackluster services

Suggestions for future services, education topics

Post Digital Newsletter on Website

Exclusive St Croix Sperm bank, AI facilitation

Unity and less arguing.

Motions made, 2nd'd and vote from google chat over past month:

Motion to offer virtual attendance at educational annual meeting for \$20:

Crystal Criswell, Aug 8, 12:30 PM

Chad also confirmed that Zoom attendance is indeed an option for most of the sessions. We need to add a Virtual Registration option to the event page. **I'd like to make a motion that we offer Virtual Registration to the Symposium at a price of \$20.**

Tara Seltz, Aug 8, 12:47 PM I will second that motion

Amy Wheeler, Aug 8, 1:39 PM Vote yes

Elizabeth Hernandez, Aug 8, 1:45 PM I vote yes

Tara Seltz, Aug 8, 2:01 PM I vote yes

Crystal Criswell, Aug 8, 2:32 PM Tamara voted yes

Lori Marion, Aug 9, 12:24 PM yes, on the \$20 for zoom attendance fee.

Motion to grant a lifetime membership to universities with research flocks as written below:

Crystal Criswell, Jul 25, 7:59 AM Can I amend this motion? We had a second and then got sidetracked. I want to amend the motion to:

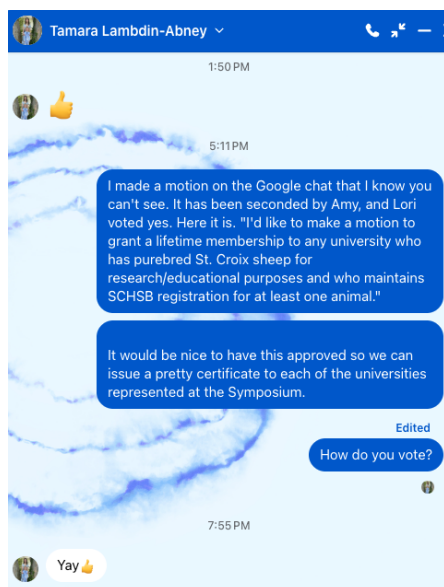
I'd like to make a motion to grant a lifetime membership to any university who has purebred St. Croix sheep for research/educational purposes and who maintains SCHSB registration for at least one animal.

It would be nice to have this approved so we can issue a pretty certificate to each of the universities represented at the Symposium.

Amy Wheeler, Jul 25, 8:00 AM I agree that would be great! Second, again lol

Elizabeth Hernandez, Jul 25, 2:59 PM Yes to the motion for lifetime membership

Crystal Criswell, Jul 25, 5:59 PM (as posted below for Tamara Lambdin Abney)



Crystal Criswell, Jul 26, 2:56 AM

@Lori Marion I think we have 5 votes - me, Amy, you, Elizabeth, and Tamara. May I work with Jaye to make this happen and create nice certificates to present to USU and VSU? I think those are the only Universities attending at this time.

(Verbal vote and agreement: Lori Marion 26 Jul 2025)

