

Minutes for SCHSB BoD Meeting 11 August 2025, 7 pm Eastern

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

1. Approval of 14 July 2025 meeting minutes: Motion: Minutes approved with understanding that further changes can be suggested/discussed/voted on by directors at next meeting if needed, and full survey results summary to be included. Motion by JW 2nd EH, unanimous approval.
2. Balance as of 31 July 2025 \$19,531.57. No funds allotted for annual meeting have been applied yet.

Meeting Topics:

1. Registry/Grassroots Registry
 - a. No meeting yet arranged with TLC/GR. Will be done in September after annual education meeting 12-13 Sept. **Concerns to follow up on:**
 - i. Ensure that Animals for Sale posts are removed 4 months after posting. SCHSB also needs to notify members via news item in GR, and on website, facebook group of change. Sale posts are currently all newer than Oct 2024, and there are 71 of them.
 - ii. Survey has not be 'turned on' in GR, although News Item was posted. Survey reminder to members logging in should appear on landing page, with notice that flock should be checked for currency, and dead or sold animals should be removed using appropriate GR action. Try for 1 October start, persisting until nearly all members have logged in and checked in.
 - iii. Note that many transactions seem to be handled efficiently and promptly, and fewer are not. Problematic transactions seem to include those requiring reg documents to be mailed/emailed.
 - iv. NEW ITEM FOR GR MEETING: Request the Integrated Invoicing System be used. This would allow SCHSB to receive an itemized list of member transactions paid for or not paid for, with the transaction and sheep identified. Then directors could help resolve member issues if problematic.
 - v. If it's possible to begin using the Integrated Invoicing System, SCHSB may need to purchase accounting software to allow upload of data. Zero (supported) or QuickBooks (less support available).

2. Communications and Member Engagement: Website / Facebook / Newsletter
 - a. 14 Aug 25 next Water Trough Chat: LM, EH moderating, other directors likely. Announce Annual educational meeting and September WTC cancelled.
 - b. Classifieds app for members to list sheep for sale: Progress on resolving Professional-identified relay error - not sending notification emails (Emails for account requests and posts) from GoDaddy to google workspace email addresses has been slow - CC on left on hold, then disconnected repeatedly. CC continuing to work on resolution of tech issue.
 - c. Facebook Update - alternate St Croix group page accepting post from SCHSB business account. Resolved.
 - d. Annual Educational Meeting 12-13 September, Logan Utah (Utah State University location):
 - i. Virtual attendance now possible with live-streaming, \$20 for registration. Still recording for later posting.
 - ii. Dr Warren Foote will record a video interview. CC proposed questions. Include 'why white color sheep were chosen' without making color a contentious point - for example, asking about what characteristics were selected for, did they all persist in subsequent lamb crops, what US VI flocks did sheep come from,
 - iii. Second email will be sent to members about annual educational meeting, but waiting to see if NSIP presentation will be possible, or perhaps an NSIP table set up.
 - iv. Discussed thank you gifts for speakers and raffle prizes for mtg. Motion: Up to \$400 for Yeti-like car cups with SCHSB logo and "Celebrating 50 years" etched in, to be purchased and brought to meeting by CC. For speakers, and as raffle prizes or for purchase if sufficient quantity (minimum 15). 2nd CC, unanimous assent.

2. Genetics Project -

- a. Samples received from USU, awaiting Dr Wildeus-supervised flock at Virginia State University. Will be collected and sent together to NZ. Data will be analyzed by Dr Murdoch, University of Idaho Moscow. Data to be kept separate from already established St Croix data of registered animals for comparison. Further data decisions to be made based on evidence.
- b. Genetic Recovery program plan, forms, photo requirements - Dr S input resulted in: clarified, streamlined questions for university research flocks
- c. Broadens and clarifies but doesn't change any current SCHSB rules for registered sheep.

- d. Some discussion on genetic testing possibilities involving University of the Virgin Islands St Croix flock, Schuster flock, possibility of cross-bred sheep (Dorper/SCx most likely cross due to interest of researchers). Dr Andrea Rios Lugardo is director of Animal Science Program of UVI
3. Financial/Business:
- a. Treasurer's Report. See balance, report available in workspace or upon member request.
 - 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). Open, monitor, but held until response is received.
 - c. D & O Liability Ins policy received, posted in Shared drive. Expires 26 June 2026, closed until renewal due.
4. Annual educational meeting 2025 planning - Meeting with Chad Page USU held 31 July 2025, CC, LM, TS present.
- a. Finalized agenda. Still awaiting NSIP decision - speak and/or info table. Current agenda posted on facebook and on SCHSB website. All interested in sheep/St Croix sheep are welcome.
 - b. Livestreaming of event is now possible, also posted on YouTube after.
 - c. Any hotels in area will be ok, no 'official hotel' or block of rooms. Transport needed for USU Farm from all hotels.
 - d. Luis Olivera from Puerto Rico very interested in networking with USVI, others.
 - e. Details on sheep USU is buying have been arranged with sellers.
 - f. JW to 'MC' banquet on Friday night if allergies allow - introductions, closing, facilitating discussion if needed.
 - g. CP has started local area advertising of conference
5. Next meeting: 2 Sep 2025, 7 pm Eastern (a Tuesday due to need to reschedule prior to annual education meeting.)

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