

Minutes for SCHSB BoD Meeting 13 Oct 2025, 7 pm Eastern

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

1. Approval of 2 Sep 2025 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by CC, 2nd by TLA, unanimous approval.
2. Balance as of 30 Sept 2025 - \$19,078.02
3. Record of Chat motion and voting after September meeting and before Oct meeting are at end of minutes. 1. Motion for Chris Criswell to be paid to resolve classifieds email forwarding issues 2. Reimbursement for Dr Rios to costs to attend and speak at annual education meeting.

Meeting Topics:

1. Registry/Grassroots Registry
 - a. Meeting with TLC/GR will be held in October. Concerns to follow up on:
 - i. Reinforce that Animals for Sale posts are removed 4 months after posting on a quarterly basis. SCHSB will notify members of the policy via news item in GR, and on website, facebook group.
 - ii. Survey has not been '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. *NEW ITEM FOR GR/TLC 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.
 1. 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. May also want/need to use Stripe as payment system for ease of use, members can still use PayPal to pay (don't need Stripe account). CC to check on possibility that there would then be 2 transactions billed, by Stripe and PayPal.

- iv. Let Jaye/TLC know that SCHSB needs annual GR summary by 9 January in order to have data presentation ready for 29 January 2026 Annual Member's Business meeting.
 - v. Updates and clarifications for news items "Information for Members" and "Information for Guests" and "Information for Buyers and Sellers" concerning ODTL needing to register lambs, flock survey, updating 'For Sale' postings every 4 months. Will be mirrored on website and in SCHSB facebook page
 - b. Discussion of desire/need to consider alternatives to TLC support of Grassroots services. 1 year remaining on original 3 year contract. Service concerns as previously noted in meeting minutes through previous 2 years. Will consider alternatives.
2. Communications and Member Engagement: Website / Facebook / Newsletter
- a. Next WTC (Water Trough Chat) 13 Nov 2025. AW, CC and LM to attend. Topic: Selection: performance and conformation. NSIP data use to confirm performance in NSIP criteria.
 - b. Classifieds app for members to list sheep for sale: App is now working, need directors to post real ads to beta test before announcing and opening up to all members. Amy has agreed to be the admin.
 - c. Discussion on survey results: results recorded in Shared Drive/Meeting Minutes/2025-7-14 Member Survey (2 documents) for directors, available to members upon request/need.
 - i. Preferred communication method: website, newsletter, webinars, direct contact, WTC. facebook. Use website fully, consider newsletter (for news rather than articles?), schedule member webinar for annual business meeting.
 - d. **Motion** to schedule Member's Annual Business meeting via Google Meet, with financial report, 2025's activities report, survey report, future plans, and member comment, on January 29, 2026, 8 PM Eastern, Motion by AW, 2nd by EH. Unanimous approval with JW abstaining as president. See Annual meeting topic for more info.
 - e. Sale of 50th Anniversary cups - **Motion** to set cost at \$30 with free shipping. CC, 2nd by AW. Unanimous approval with JW abstaining as president. CC to post on website, and fulfill orders.

3. Advertising 2026 Options to consider prior to budget meeting due to timing
 - a. Overage from 2025 budget due to cups but overage may be recouped with sales. \$1000 was last years budgeted amount. ASI association - current though March 2026, \$320 annually. Facebook \$50 approved in September meeting was not used. Regional sheep/ag events - encourage members to attend, promote SCHSB with banner, display. board to consider covering associated event display costs on individual basis.
 - b. TLC Breeders Directory *due 11/30/2025* \$689 for ½ page ad in Breeder's Directory and ¼ page ad in 4 issues of quarterly newsletter., less 10% for before-deadline ordering. Quarterly e-publication \$40/issue for business card size ad = \$160 annually, or \$120 for ¼ page ad per issue= \$480 (business card size ad previously purchased through Fall 2025 issue.. **Motion** to fund TLC 2026 Breeders Directory ½ page ad (\$209) and ¼ page ad in 4 issues of TLC quarterly newsletter (\$480 less 10% discount=\$432) = \$641, with that amount covered in 2026 advertising budget. 2nd AW. Voting yes: CC, EH, TLA, LM, AW. Voting No: TS. JW abstaining as president. Motion passes.

4. Genetics Project

- a. Issue of offering free registrations in some form and number to university research flocks (lifetime memberships already approved by vote - cost \$25 year/university). Chad Page of USU, Stephan Wildeus both felt it's not financial issues, it's the actual time and work to input data. Offer to assist research flock managers in anyway possible - entering data if university can share it. Can still ask university for promise of research article(s) including St Croix breed in exchange for cost-free registrations for research flocks, to justify cost to membership if a university research flocks are eventually entered into registry
- b. Awaiting further input from Universidad Autonmica de Nuevo Leon (UANL) on flock status, characteristics. Dr Sanchez Davila sent participation certificate for conference virtual attendance.
- c. Updates on program to evaluate university flocks: Next Steps
 - i. Send TSU's to NZ lab.
 - ii. Add to report, genetic PCA's (Dr M)
 - iii. Tweak Genetic Recovery protocol
 - iv. Continue to research commercial lab possibilities for future work.

- v. Consider further 'next steps' based on data currently held by SCHSB and Dr M.
 - d. SCHSB genetic study data is held by Dr Murdoch. She states it cannot be re-entered into Flock 54's commercial database, despite having initially been there. Might be impossible due to changes to data, or may be because member consent forms did not specifically allow this. Reapproach Dr M if needed.
 - e. Barbados Blackbelly Sheep Assoc. International (BBSAI) Study Summary
 - i. Over 200 sheep tested, >30 from Mexico. A BBSAI member goes to foreign countries to assist with shipping to NZ.
5. Financial/Business:
- a. Treasurer's Report. See balance, report available in workspace or upon member request. TLC invoice due soon. "Les" is new TLC finance manager.
 - b. IRS response on 501 c 5 application confirms SCHSB status. Keep Letter of Determination document available via storage in multiple SCHSB locations, also now available in IRS searchable database (TEOS). Closed.
 - c. Elections are due in Dec 2026, with TLA and EH current terms expiring. Encourage members to consider and volunteer for board. 1 current vacant position. Number of director seats can be changed up to 15 by vote of current board.
2. (should be #6 - formatting issue) Annual educational meeting 2025
- a. Meeting food costs, university's membership certificate costs paid with previously approved annual meeting funds. Shipment of food, Dr Bowdridge's fee invoices not yet received, but funds in place for payment well under budget.
 - b. Presentations will be posted on YouTube when Chad Page sends them - some issues with formatting.
 - c. After-actions - A planning committee for set-up was suggested. Attendance certificate requested by Dr Sanchez Davila of UANL, but no others.
 - d. Follow-up emails sent to Dr Rios UVI and Dr Polejaeva (research on sheep models of human disease) answering questions they had on breed, resources on breed they asked for, and encouraging them to contact SCHSB if we can assist with breed use or research. Dr Rios also appeared at SCHSIA annual meeting remotely.

- e. Annual financial/activity report required by bylaws schedule for virtual presentation on 29 January 2026.
 - i. Financial report
 - ii. Activity report:
 - 1. Request GR report by 9 Jan 2026, to include # of members, # or registered sheep, etc.
 - 2. Annual meeting, attendance, speakers, You Tube availability of presentations, Water Trough Chats, University Research Flock contacts, possibilities to work together in future.
 - 3. Classifieds

Next meeting: 10 Nov 2025, 7 pm Eastern

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

Motions from Google Chat taking place after the 2 Sept meeting but before the 13 October 25 meeting.

1. Crystal Criswell, Sep 3, 2025, 2:59AM

@all I was griping about our classifieds woes last night and that the web guy wouldn't do it for us. Hubby offered to do if he could claim the \$200. He said he isn't surprised the guy didn't want to do it because it's a major pain in the rear dealing with settings between Google Workspace, GoDaddy, and Wordpress. So ... yay or nay?

Amy Wheeler, Sep 3, 5:20AM

I make the motion we have Crystal's husband fix our email with classifieds and get paid to do it.

Crystal Criswell, Thu 6:38AM

I can't/won't make a motion or vote on this for obvious reasons.

Elizabeth Hernandez, Thu 6:51AM

I'll second it

Lori Marion, Thu 9:20AM

I vote yes - the \$200 amount is assumed. And I assume EH and AW vote yes also....

Amy Wheeler, Thu 9:24AM

Yes lol

Tara Seltz, 12:31AM 9/21/2025

yes

9/22/25 Summary: Motion: The motion made by AW, seconded by EH to **ask Mr Criswell to fix the classifieds issue for the same payment already approved to offer to an independent tech manager.** 4 voted 'yes' with CC abstaining, TLA not responding and JW abstaining (votes only in cases of a possible tie). The measure passes with 4 of 7 possible votes, 2 abstentions.

2. Motion to reimburse Dr Rios for travel to SCHSB annual education meeting 12-13 Sept 2025 in Logan Utah

Crystal Criswell, Wed 9/18/2025 5:57 AM

Dr. Rios submitted receipts for all her travel expenses. She used her personal credit card to pay for these things because all her University funding is tied to grants and they would not allow her to spend anything on this event. **I'd like to make a motion that we send \$2,456.19 to Dr. Rios ASAP.**

Amy Wheeler, Yesterday 6:01 AM

Second

How are we for expenditures and our budget?

Crystal Criswell, Yesterday 6:02 AM

This is the first expense coming in.

We had set aside \$5,000 from our existing balance. Event registrations generated \$1,327.29.

The remaining expenses will include meals provided at the event to participants and Dr. Scott Bowdridge's travel.

Crystal Criswell, Yesterday 6:15 AM

