

Minutes for SCHSB BoD Meeting 10 Nov 2025, 7 pm Eastern

Present: Kirk Barton, Crystal Criswell,, Tamara Lambdin-Abney, Lori Marion, Tara Seltz, Jason Webster, Amy Wheeler. Absent: Elizabeth Hernandez (notified board),

1. Approval of 13 Oct 2025 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by AW, 2nd by KB, unanimous approval.
2. Balance as of 31 Oct 2025 - \$20,219.54.
3. Attached to these minutes: discussion, motion, vote to appoint Kirk Barton to director seat, occurring after Oct 13, 2025 meeting.

Meeting Topics:

1. Registry/Grassroots Registry
 - a. Meeting held with Alison Martin and Jaye Ray, Registrar on 21 Oct 2025.
 - i. Animals for Sale posts are removed quarterly, so will be removed 4-6 months after posting, depending on data posted. Notice given to CC to post on website for all members.
 - ii. Survey of flocks started 1 Nov - 30 April 2026 to catch hopefully all active members on first log in.
 - iii. Integrated Invoicing System, SCHSB does not appear likely - 'no other associations using it, extra cost module, don't know anything about using it.' Did not express interest in learning.
 - iv. Need for GR data by 9 Jan 26 to have for annual business meeting.
 - b. Member asked registrar about restrictions on inbred offspring, referred to board, LM sent reply - no restrictions by SCHSB, given info on linebreeding, inbreeding, COI. Producer's decision as long as breed standard met.
 - c. Continued to discuss alternative registrar. Focus is remaining with Grassroots. Annual license \$3500-\$4000, plus annual licensing fee based on number of registrations. Current contract expires Oct 2026. Table until all directors have opportunity to consider due to centrality of registry services to SCHSB.
2. Communications and Member Engagement: Website / Facebook / Newsletter
 - a. Next WTC (Water Trough Chat) 13 Nov 2025. AW, CC, LM, JW Topic Nutrition
 - b. Classifieds app for members to list sheep for sale: Need beta-testing. Directors to submit actual ads. Can submit via website. AW is classifieds moderator. \$5 /month, \$15 /45 days promoted ad

- c. 50th Anniversary of St Croix Importation Insulated cups: \$30, \$25 for 2+ cups (less shipping costs). Page will be set up shortly advertising them and offering for sale.
2. Advertising for 2026 - TLC ad contracted and paid in Breeders' Directory and Quarterly. ¼ page ad, Quarterly to start with Fall 2025 issue. Closed.
3. Genetics Project -
 - a. 5 samples from VSU and 5 samples from USU (St Croix research flocks sent on 6 Nov by TS to New Zealand's lab, due to arrive 11/14 about \$77 fee, takes about 4 weeks for Dr M to receive results.
 - b. Dr Sanchez-Davila of Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon emailed LM (private email) looking for 4 ewes and 1 ram to import, referred to Grassroots for breeders closer to UANL. Unsure if he is looking for his own private flock or for UANL flock. Tara to contact about UANL flock characteristics (size, history, origin), and tell him about genetic project to sound out suitability and interest in participation,
 - c. Future of genetics project, implication of current data and analysis - discussion postponed until meeting on Tuesday 18 Nov 2025, 1900 EST, due to complexity of information and length of anticipated discussion. Motion LM, 2nd AW, unanimous.
4. Financial/Business:
 - a. Treasurer's Report. \$20,219.54. Quarterly TLC payment not yet invoiced, but should be due soon. Full monthly treasurer's report available in workspace or upon member request.
 - b. Board Seats Discussion: Currently 8 seats, filled with the appointment of Kirk Barton by vote via chat on 14 Oct (see end of minutes), with term expiring at next election. Kirk Tubbs is also possibly interested in seat, but now there is no vacancy. Motion to increase to 9 seats -CC, 2nd by KB, unanimous approval. There are now 9 seats on the board with 1 vacancy. That seat can be filled, and the term will expire at the next election date.
5. Annual Meetings

- a. Educational meeting at USU 2025 - link now posted on SCHSB website to USU's YouTube posting of all educational videos from the annual meeting. Only remaining presentation not available yet is interview with Dr Foote - technical difficulties with recording method, and combining 2 partial interviews that were done (at Dr Foote's request). Chad Page is working on that.

 - b. Annual financial/activity report required by bylaws scheduled for virtual presentation on 29 January 2026.
 - i. Financial report
 - ii. Activity report:
 - 1. Requested GR report by 9 Jan 2026, to include # of members, # or registered sheep, etc.
 - 2. Annual meeting activities report to include: GR data (membership, new members, registrations, transfers, (attendance, speakers, You Tube availability of presentations), Water Trough Chats, University Research Flock contacts, possibilities to work together in future. Classifieds now available
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6. Next regular meeting: 8 Dec 2025, 7 pm Eastern
7. Genetics Project Discussion 18 November 2025 1900 Eastern (not a business meeting)

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

Record of Discussion, Motion and Voting on Director Seat

Crystal Criswell, Oct 14, 2025 8:31 AM

All, Kirk Barton just reached out to me and says he is interested in serving on the BOD. I have not asked Chad Page yet.

Lori Marion, Oct 14, 5:13 PM

That's great. I will wait until mid-November to ask Kirk Tubbs.

Crystal Criswell, Oct 14, 5:21 PM

I assume we need a vote, correct?

Amy Wheeler, Oct 14, 6:12 PM

Yup

Lori Marion, Oct 15, 2025 9:09 AM

We have 1 vacant seat, so the vote would be for Kirk Barton to be appointed to that vacant seat. It's not clear when the term of that seat would expire since it was vacated prior to the previous election, so it might be best if the appointment was until the next election in Dec 2026, for a 4 year term starting Jan 1, 2027.

I move that Kirk Barton be appointed to the Board of Directors' vacant seat, with the term expiring in Dec 2026.

Crystal Criswell, Oct 15, 9:48 AM

I second!

Amy Wheeler, Oct 15, 10:08 AM

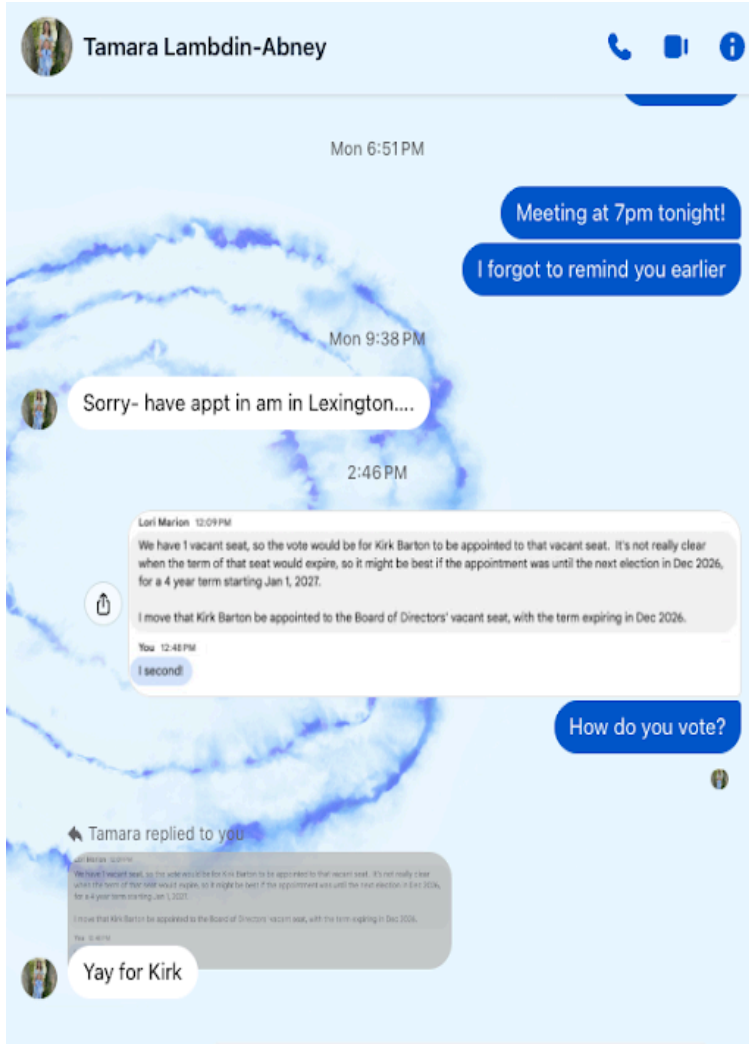
Vote yes!

Lori Marion, Oct 15, 11:01 AM

And I vote yes too.

Crystal Criswell, Oct 15, 12:13 PM

Tamara votes yes.



Amy Wheeler, Oct 15, 12:21 PM
Has Jason called him?

Crystal Criswell, Oct 15, 12:21 PM
No. This is a different Kirk.

Amy Wheeler, Oct 15, 12:22 PM
I know. Jason called me before I was voted in.

Crystal Criswell, Oct 15, 12:22 PM
Oh! Gotcha.

Lori, Yates, and I all put the pressure on BOTH Kirks at the Symposium. Kirk B just messaged me saying he had thought about it and wants to do it.

Kirk T had messaged a while back saying he was super busy until November, and would be willing to discuss it then.
I see no reason not to add BOTH of them.

Lori Marion, Oct 15, 3:08 PM

And Chad if he is willing. Just a vote by the current board to increase the number of seats would be needed.

Elizabeth Hernandez, Oct 20, 8:09 AM

I'll vote yes too!

Tara Seltz, Oct 30, 2:38 PM

I vote yes to the original motion to appoint Kirk Barton to the vacancy

Lori Marion, Oct 30, 5:51 PM

I have let Jason know about the vote taking place here. Since it's an important decision, I hope to have a response from him communicated one way or another. The motion has the votes to pass, but I'd like everyone to have the chance to weigh in, maybe point something out that has been missed.

Summary of Motion:

Motion was made to appoint Kirk Barton to a seat on the board, filling the vacant seat. CC seconded the motion. Voting: Yes from CC, EH, TLA, LM, TS, AW. (still incomplete, JW aware, but without JW voting. Passes.)