

## NAWSA POLICIES

**A summary of policies established at Membership & Board meetings. Changes to the bylaws or breeding standards are submitted to the membership for approval.**

*Persons making the motion & seconding are indicated*

*Refer to these dates in the minutes for full text.*

### **June 23, 2001:**

A breeder must be an active NAWSA member to submit paperwork on animals and it is desirable that sellers pay for the transfer of ownership of an animal, although non-members may submit transfer of ownership at double the fee rate. This should be the only paperwork that would be accepted from non-members

### **July 12, 2001:**

Moran/Dow: Set the number of Directors at 7 and stagger the terms of office so that approximately half of the board is elected each year.

Dally/Moran: If at any time the number of nominees should be less than the number of positions to be filled, the nominees would fill the positions without an election being necessary.

Moran/Dally: The NAWSA will not issue Association ear tags.

Dow/Szabo: Adopt the fee schedule and regulations as listed (*printed on Forms & Fees page of the website*) Notable is the rule that no animal over 24 months of age will be considered for the registry except by special consideration of the board. Accurate records should be maintained on a timely basis, especially during the formation of the breed.

Code of Ethics: The Board of Directors will review any issue regarding unethical behavior that is brought to the attention of the Board by an active member. It was felt that since the membership elects the Board to be their representative, the Board should have the authority to consider these matters and to take any action that it feels is appropriate without having to bring the matter before the entire membership

### **October 19, 2002:**

Martin/Kentner: As of October 2002, it is the responsibility of the importer of Wensleydale semen to submit a certification to our Association indicating the codon status of the donor ram. The certificate, which would most likely come from the country of origin, must show that the ram has tested RR at Codon 171. If a certificate is not filed with the Association, progeny from such rams will not be recognized in the registry.

**June 24, 2004:**

Fiscal year changed to Jan 1 – Dec 31. Change to bylaws, membership vote 16 in favor, 2 against

Active member redefined as one who owns, breeds and registers sheep at least once every two years. change to bylaws, membership vote 16 in favor, 2 against.

**May 7, 2005:**

Kratz/Dally: Continue testing all rams for condon 171 status whether or not the status of the parents is already known.

Prestby/Kratz: The date of annual director's elections shall be November 1.

**June 23, 2007:**

Burrows/Tipple: Any registered animal, at one year of age, shall not have a scur or horn over 3/4" in length, and that breeding with rams having scurs or horns is discouraged. Change to breeding standards: membership vote 19-0 in favor.

Tipple/Olund: Limit spots within the fleeced area (either a white spot on a colored animal or a black spot on a white animal) shall not exceed 2.5 cm (the size of a quarter) at one year of age. There is no size limit or definition for spotting outside of the fleeced area at the present time due to the fact that our foundation breeds may carry this characteristic. Change to breeding standards: membership vote 15 in favor, 3 against.

**June 22, 2008:**

Lowder/Livermore: Establish a paypal account for NAWSA to be used to accept fees from members.

Dally/Dow: We shall purchase 50 copies of the U.K. publication "Wensleydale World" and distribute one to each active member at no charge.

**Jan 2017:**

Sherry Carlson is granted a permanent place on the Board of Directors, but will have no vote.

**May 2018:**

To track the identification of our registered animals . . . if we lose the ear tag . . . that we replace it with the original tag number, and it remains the same throughout its lifetime"

**August 2020**

All statements and communications with the NAWSA and its members must be conducted with civility. Discourse must be polite and friendly in tone. The NAWSA reserves the right to take immediate action, including revocation of membership, against any person whose communications, including email, Facebook post or comment,

written letter or verbal statement contain inappropriate or abusive language, personal attacks and/or false accusations. You will be given one written warning. Discussion and input are welcome and encouraged among members at meetings, and through our member discussion group on Facebook. The appropriate venue for bringing personal issues, complaints and disagreements forward is through the Board of Directors.