

Amended

Minutes of the annual membership meeting on NAWSA  
October 10, 2021

Members in attendance:

Michael Henderson, Jillian McIntosh, Carolyn Bernard, Sharon Messena, Mary McKenna, Cory Simpson

Board of Directors in Attendance :

D'Andrea Tyree, Virginia Scholomiti, Sheryl Meacham, Nan Leaman, Nan Fickett, Lois Olund

Meeting called to order at 5:06 PST, 6:06 CST, 7:06 EST

The meeting was called to order by President, D'Andrea Tyree.

Treasurers Report (by D'Andrea Tyree )

Income	\$ 2798.47	Expenses:	
		GLM fees	1221.81
		Refunds	80.00
		Zoom	149.00
		Advertising	308.75
		Legal Fees	1697.50
		Balance	\$ 9953.33

Results of Voting for the two vacant seats on the BOD was given by Secretary, Sheryl Meacham:

As follows:

Number of Ballots received: 24 (out of 34 sent; 2 candidates selected on each ballot, no abstentions)

Voting results: Virginia Scholomiti	17 votes
Carolyn Bernard	20 votes
Mary McKenna	11 votes
Total	48 votes cast

Bringing the number of BOD seats for the coming year back to seven.

Virginia Scholomiti discussed some of the new registration Forms that have been put in place in order to clarify missing or confusing information on our previous forms. The new forms have been posted on the website.

Next on the agenda was the discussion regarding allowing wethered rams to be entered into the NAWSA database.

Points raised in favor were increase in funds to the treasury, ability to track pedigrees allowing for verification of actual Wensleydale breeding, increased value of fiber to fiber enthusiasts, possible benefit to 4-H programs showing wethers in sheep shows.

Points raised in opposition: This change creates a deviation from long time established purpose of NAWSA, to foster the upgrading program in the US with the goal of producing the highest % of wensleydale genetics in each breeding. Wethers would not be contributing to this process.

Culling of QR rams has diminished the number of eligible breeding rams.

Questions as to how wethers would be registered in GLM registry's database.

Questions if this allowed by other associations.

How would registered rams be tracked if subsequently wethered and thereby removed from the breeding pool, to avoid erroneous registrations of alleged future offspring.

Many good points were discussed and it was decided that a survey should be sent to all member breeders to gather input and assist in reaching a consensus.

President Tyree gave an overview of some issues the BOD has dealt with over this past year, outlining the reasons for many of the forms and changes that became necessary to protect the integrity of the registry and pedigrees of our sheep.

She was joined by Vice President Virginia Scholomiti discussing the need for breeders to be conscientious in securing semen and AI services from reputable sources or risk animals being disallowed from the registry.

There being no further business, Motion to adjourn was duly made and seconded and meeting adjourned at 6:17 PST, 7:17 CST, 8:17EST