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**North American Wensleydale Sheep Association
Minutes of the Membership Meeting held June 22, 2008
Black Sheep Gathering, Eugene Oregon**

UNAPPROVED

Members Present: Barbara Burrows, Martin Dally, Myrtle Dow, Angelique Laskowski, Joa Livermore, Lois Olund, Kate Lowder, Sherry Carlson

President Barbara Burrows called the meeting to order at 12:40.

The minutes of the previous meeting of June 2007 were read by Sherry Carlson and were no corrections were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Sandi Hanson was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a balance sheet for year 2007 and for year-to-date. There were no questions or discussion regarding it and it was accepted as submitted.

NAWSA BALANCE SHEET

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Beginning Balance, Jan 1	\$2,231.74	\$2,776.89
<i>INCOME</i>		
Membership	795.00	765.00
Registration	<u>735.00</u>	<u>360.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,530.00	\$1,125.00
<i>EXPENSE</i>		
Ads/Promo	(\$200.00)	(\$219.00)
Corporate Exp	(10.00)	0
Office Supplies	(82.00)	(30.00)
Registrar Exp	(362.85)	(177.00)
Web Site Exp	<u>(330.00)</u>	<u>(320.00)</u>
Total Expense	<u>(\$984.85)</u>	<u>(\$746.00)</u>
Net Income (Expense)	\$545.15	\$379.00
Ending Balance, Dec 31	\$2,776.89	
Balance 6/17/08		\$3,155.89

Sherry Carlson requested reimbursement of expenses for the show at Black Sheep. The expenses were for one 3' x 5' NAWSA banner at \$61.02 and for two embroidered bags for 'Best White Wensleydale' and 'Best Colored Wensleydale' at \$72.86 for a total of \$133.88. The reimbursement request was approved. Joanie Livermore will keep the

for use at the Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival later this year.

Promotion

Sherry said that Joanie Livermore has been writing some excellent articles that are to The Banner Magazine for their "breed notes" section. This is free of charge to us to work with other industry magazines, newsletters, farm bureaus and newspapers image and message more widespread in the coming year.

Directors & Officers

Barbara Burrows reviewed that the current directors and officers are: Barbara Burr Carlson, Myrtle Dow, Neil Kentner, Joanie Livermore, Virginia Scholomiti and Karen Virginia replaced Sandi Hanson in the last election and the directors whose terms end of 2008 are Sherry, Joanie and Karen. Officers will remain the same – Barbara as President, Joanie Livermore as Vice-President, Sherry Carlson as Secretary and Hanson as Treasurer. Our bylaws provide that in the interest of continuity, the treasurer not have to be a member of the board.

Discussion Items

PAYPAL ACCOUNT

The members discussed establishing a PayPal account for the association so that we receive payments for membership, registration & transfer fees. All were in agreement that this would be a good idea and would make it very convenient for the membership. Kate made a motion to establish the account, linked to our current checking account, and an additional fee schedule adding 3% to our current fees, rounded to the nearest dollar using the PayPal account (to cover PayPal charges). Also, the secretary and treasurer both to have access to the PayPal account for the purpose of accountability. Joanie seconded the motion that was approved unanimously.

NEW SCRAPIE STRAIN

The new scrapie strain, NOR98, was discussed and Martin Dally said that this strain show resistance at the R allele. He felt that we should not abandon our program for registration based on this new information because there is not enough known at this time it would be premature to take any action at this time.

REGISTRATION RULES

Sherry Carlson explained that we recently had an issue regarding registering animals age of 24 months, which our rules prohibit "unless special circumstances warrant". This issue last month the board made a one-time exception to this rule because it was we had not made the rule obvious enough on the website and on the registration form information oversight has since been corrected in both areas.

We have just received another application for animals over 24 months (from the same breeder) and it was the consensus of members present that we should contact this breeder and request a statement of special circumstances that may have prevented a more registration application. The board will consider this issue once the breeder has responded.

SCRAPIE PROGRAM

Barbara Burrows updated members to the fact that we are no longer restricted to selling animals (products of AI) only to buyers who are in the voluntary scrapie program. As owners of sheep must have a federal number for their flock, whether in the voluntary or mandatory program, we of course should still keep good records of where our animals are no longer so restricted in our sales.

SHOW STANDARDS

After discussion, it was the general agreement that Wensleydale sheep should be a minimum of 3" of fleece to best show off their qualities. All present agreed that there are circumstances preventing this, such as inability to find a shearer at certain times, weather conditions, etc. While we cannot make this a rule, and some fairs have their own guidelines, it is our strong recommendation to show these animals with at least 3" so that the judges

can be adequately assessed.

U.K. BOOKLET PRINTED

Sherry told the members that earlier in the year the UK secretary asked if we would write an article or two for their upcoming publication of "Wensleydale World". This is the 5th very informative booklet that is printed at irregular intervals, the last one being (est. Joanie, Sherry and Lois all contributed to writing articles and submitting photos of the program and products and Sherry requested that an additional 50 copies be printed for members here in America. The board has determined that our treasury will pay for the printing and shipping costs (estimated at \$500). Martin Dally made a motion to give one copy to every active member at no cost. Since we have a very limited supply, the remaining copies will be retained by the secretary and sent out with each future new member packet. This was seconded by Myrtle Dow and passed unanimously.

SEMEN AVAILABILITY SALES

Martin Dally reported that he has collected two white Wensleydale rams, one from England and one from Ireland. Blue tongue in England has shut down movement in certain areas but it is hoped that at least some of the semen will be here by this fall season.

Martin also reported to the group that he continues to have an unresolved issue with our members who re-sold semen that Martin sold to them. USDA requires strict tracking of imported semen and if it is re-sold, the importer (Martin) no longer has a record of it used, stored, re-sold, lost? Because of this situation, USDA has advised that Martin cannot sell semen to those he actually does the LAI for. This situation may have brought serious implications to our national breeding program because we have members nationwide who want to use Wensleydale semen and Martin cannot physically cover the entire US. There are few, if any, other people importing or selling Wensleydale semen, so this is potentially threatening our upgrading program.

FUND RAISER

Sherry said that she purchased 50 copies of a lamb cookbook (with her own funds) to be used to raise money for our association. It is a 5x8 ring-bound book filled with simple recipes that are organized by cut of meat. It illustrates that lamb is not a "mystery" to cook and is a great little gift for your meat customers. The sale price is \$12 each or Sherry paid \$7 each, and anything earned over that amount will be deposited to the Association treasury. Lois Olund took 20 copies to sell in her booth and other members purchased a few for their own use. If anyone is interested in selling a few or purchasing themselves, please contact Sherry.

WENSLEYDALE SHOW 2008

Sherry reported that there were 24 registered Wensleydale sheep shown with 7 breeds represented. As there were neither 20 white nor 20 colored sheep entered which would have qualified for a separate class in the show, we chose to combine all the sheep into one Wensleydale class which were shown together under judge Mark Eidman. After the ram lamb, yearling ram, ewe lamb, yearling ewe, etc. classes, special awards were given for Best White Wensleydale, which went to Myrtle Dow for her yearling ewe, and for Best Colored Wensleydale, which went to Sherry Carlson for her yearling ewe. We are pleased to announce that the Supreme Champion sheep of the show was a colored Wensleydale.

Next Meeting

Members discussed the issue of rising transportation costs and where we might meet would be the most convenient for our nationwide membership. Even though the majority of active membership is in the northwest, it was decided that Estes Park Wool Market in June would be a location that would be more centralized and could better allow those from the east coast to attend. We hope that with a year's notice, more members will make it to attend. Sherry mentioned that she had flown into Denver for a previous meeting and was a shuttle directly to Estes Park. If future increased costs or other issues prevent getting together in Colorado, members agreed that we could hold our 2009 annual

membership meeting via telephone conference call if absolutely necessary.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sherry Carlson, Secretary

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