

Targhee Talk

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Targhee Sheep Association*



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UNITED STATES TARGHEE SHEEP ASSOCIATION Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Assoc. membership was called to order by President Elisha Otis at 2:30 pm July 19, 2019, at the Lodi Agricultural Fairgrounds, Lodi, Wisconsin. All directors were present.

Randell Von Krosigk moved to forego the reading of the 2018 annual member's meetings minutes and approve the minutes; Clee Brakke seconded; Passed.

The financial reports were handed out consisting of a year-end comparison Profit and Loss and Year-end Balance Sheet. The Association financially is sitting in a very stable position. A registry report was also handed out. No questions were presented.

Each committee then gave an update.

NSIP Committee- Lisa Surber spoke as the Targhee representative. Developments and advancements still being made. They're currently working on correcting an error in range index calculation.

Junior Committee – Tessa Kilber gave a report on how tshirt design was selected for this year Nationals. They elected new officers at their annual meeting prior in the day and chose to set up a nominating committee.

Starter Flock – Jeff Nevens welcomed this years winner, Rylee Nelson. She and her family had attended the junior show. She was awarded 3 ewes and 1 ram and we were already at the max cash donation.

Youth Futurity Committee – Todd Taylor spoke that every ewe lamb was nominated last year and will again this year. With the success of juniors participating they're looking more seriously at designing a points system for attending other shows/fairs to calculate the winner.

Sifting Committee – Bryan Alred reported as a member of the sifting committee. Belly wool still remains a problem. 3 animals had been sifted. Lisa Surber questioned the composition of the sifting committee. It is currently a board member, vet hosting committee hires, and neutral third party. Lisa moved the committee be a non-participating Board Member, seasoned Targhee producer, sheep vet and sheep research or extension agent. George Mann seconded. It was opened to discussion. Todd Taylor noted Wisconsin would not be able to fill this requirement as Wisconsin does not have sheep specialist vets or extension agents. Not against change, but has to be something each hosting committee can fulfill. Rodney Kuenzi questioned what would constitute a sheep vet coming as a vet himself. Mike Hunt moved to table the motion. Clee Brakke Seconded. Passed.

Promotion Committee – New volunteers were asked to reform the committee. Lisa Surber, Scott Kilber and Julie Ward volunteered.

Todd gave a report on the All American. Well attended this year and great opportunity of kids. They were 30 head of Targhees at Kansas. Next year will be around July 4th in Lansing, MI.

The need to set a floor price for the sale was than discussed. Paula Brakke voiced her concerns on the current market conditions. She had just marketed her lambs around \$1.65. Exhibitors at least some gas money and not have to take anything home. She moved for a \$200 floor price; Mike Hunt seconded; Passed. Members were reminded that they were free to set a higher price floor on their stock as well, just give to the auctioneer prior to entering the sale ring. Commission will still be charged at the top bid if the reserve is not met.

Than discussed the site of the 2020 National Show and Sale. Scott Kilber reported DATA had already been in discussion and looking to hold it in Redfield, SD July 16-18th. Accommodations will be limited, but has very nice facilities for the show/sale. DATA did want to propose the possibility of a 2 day show. Jon Beastron mentioned buyers want to see the animals in the ring and with the current schedule most buyers don't come until day of the sale missing everything that happened at the show day prior. George Mann moved to approve a 2 day schedule in Redfield, SD. Susie Skinner seconded. Passed.

Annual Meeting Minutes, continued

Elections were then held. Leroy Pedersen's and Jeff Neven's terms were expiring. Both had accepted being renominated. Paula Brakke moved to reelect Leroy for Central Plains region and cast unanimous ballot. Mike Hunt seconded. Passed. Scott Kilber nominated George Mann for the At Large East position against Jeff Nevens. A ballot vote was conducted with Jeff Nevens winning.

Julie Ward, CPA was asked to give a summary of the tax exempt status of the Association. Under IRS rules, nonprofits under \$50,000 in annual revenue must file a 990N postcard return with IRS or risk losing exempt status. We had to renew our request for exemption under this rule. The Association's exempt status was renewed under Internal Revenue Code 501c5 as an agricultural association. We are not considered a charitable organization under 501c3. So, members were advised that they cannot write off payments to the Association as charitable donations. Rather, such payments would usually qualify as dues, registrations, or promotion of the Targhee breed under advertising/marketing expenses. The mission of the Association as per its bylaws is to "promote and develop the Targhee breed of sheep in particular and the sheep industry in general". If you have questions, contact Julie or discuss with your own tax advisor.

Paula Brakke motioned the registration database be outsourced. Wade Kopren. Seconded. Discussion followed regarding the feasibility. Jeff Nevens then moved to table the motion until costs associated and loss of income to association could be properly reviewed. Seconded by Mike Hunt. Passed.

Jon Beastron moved a committee be formed for this; Second by Todd Taylor.

Jeff Nevens moved that the meeting adjourn; second by Paula Brakke; passed.

2020 Nationals

DATA has decided to stick with the normal 3 day schedule so we will be having sheep come in on Wednesday July 15th with the Junior Show on the 16th, Open Show on the 17th, and the sale on the 18th. The only minor change they are planning to make is to have the sale start at 10:00 a.m. A more detailed schedule and other info will be published in the upcoming Targhee Talks. As was discussed at Nationals, lodging will be the one issue. Below is a list of options. The block of room at Super 8 located in Redfield is nearly fully already.

Lodging options for 2020 National Targhee Show and Sale

- Super 8 Motel – 605 472-0720
- Edelweiss Inn – Bed n Breakfast, 605 499-8026. They have 5 rooms with a mix of beds each room has its own bathroom. I have reserved all 5 rooms just tell them you are with the Targhee Association and you will get the group rate. \$75 / night plus tax.
- R&L Lodge N Inn – 605 460-2158. This is an apartment style lodge. This would be a good spot for a large group or family.
- Rustic Haven Inn – 605 460-1252, Apartment style 4 bedroom / 2 bath.
- Jim River Ranch – Farm house in the country about 8 miles from town. 605 765-8494.
- Wilson Motor Inn – 605 472-0550. Probably a 1 star facility.
- Camping is also an option. There are camper hookups with electricity and water right at the Spink County Fair Grounds. I know there will be at least 4 or 5 of us camping.

Please give Scott Kilber a call if you are having trouble finding lodging. 605 380-5272.

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2019 Western Regional Ram Sale Results

	Rambouillet	Columbia	Suffolk	Targhee
Newell Ram Sale	\$ 681.15	\$ 53940	\$ 615.52	\$ 969.53
Montana Ram Sale	\$ 1339.06		\$ 668.75	\$ 1411.84
Wyoming Ram Sale	\$ 998	\$ 775	\$ 853	\$ 1046

Newell Ram Sale

High Selling Ram– Kopren Targhee of Bison SD bought by Aiden Fouhy & Hughes Newford Co. for \$3500.
High Selling Pen Of Range Rams- Lisa Surber of Newell SD with her pen of 2 Yearling Targhee Range Rams bought by Mark Hollenbeck of Edgemont SD for \$2300.

Montana Ram Sale

94th Annual Montana Ram Sale

Sale Gross on 279 Range Rams: \$367,350.00

Sale Average on 279 Range Rams: \$1,010.42

Targhee Ram Average on 207 head: \$1,411.84 (Low \$400, High \$10,000)

Suffolk X Hampshire Ram Average on 14 Head: \$667.86 (Low \$600, High \$800)

Suffolk Ram Average on 16 Head: \$668.75 (Low \$500, High \$900)

Rambouillet Ram Average on 32 Head: \$1,339.06 (Low \$550, High \$3,000)

Rambouillet Cross Ram Average on 8 Head: \$1,375.00 (Low \$800, High \$2,000)

Hampshire Ram Average on 2 head: \$600 (Low \$550, High \$650)

Sale Highlights

Longtime Montana Ram Sale Consignor, Sam Ortmann of Wolf Point, MT, had the highest selling Targhee ram of the sale. It sold for \$10,000 and was bought by Bob Innes, Innes Ranch of Gillette, WY and Betty Sampsel, Hughes Newford Co., of Stanford, MT. Sam Ortmann had another high selling lot of two rams that went for \$6,750.00 each that was bought by Brad Boner of Glenrock, WY.

Wyoming Ram Sale

Top Selling Targhee
 Von Krosigk Family Targhees
 sold for \$2,200

Targhee Yrlgs	
Gross Sales	\$ 40,800.00
# Head	46
# Head Sold	39
Average:	\$ 1,046.00
No Sales:	7

President's Notes

I hope everyone is having a great fall! A few things to cover for the upcoming year.

The board of directors voted to form a "hall of fame" committee. This committee will oversee the nominations and awarding of hall of fame recipients. This is to make sure that there is a system in place for awards and that people are not getting missed. We would also like to encourage anyone who has a suggestion for a nominee to please send your suggestions to Mardy to be forwarded to the committee. If you would like be on the committee please contact me.

The board of directors discussed extensively about the registration of sheep at Dubois. What we came up with is included in this newsletter. This is something that should be discussed this summer by the association as a whole to see how the group would like to move forward.

The board is now getting to looking at the registration process. All information gathered will be printed in the newsletter for the membership to evaluate the numbers that we have come up with.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those hit with early season snowstorms. Lets hope the rest of winter is a little kinder :). Here is to 2020!

~ Elisha Otis

Registrations

It was brought to the Board's attention the process of registering sheep from Dubois Experiment Station. Following some research into the original constitution it was found that:

"The Books of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association shall be closed as of October 1, 1966, but shall be left open for entry of further blood lines by the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, Dubois, Idaho, or any other official Experiment Station at the discretion of the Board of Directors of this Association. Furthermore, any sheep registered subsequent to October 1, 1966 shall be progeny of either flock or stud registered Targhee Sheep."

A Board Meeting was held to discuss with the following motion passed:

Based upon the current information we have on the USTSA Constitution and By-Laws, it was moved that in order to register an animal purchased from Dubois Research Station:

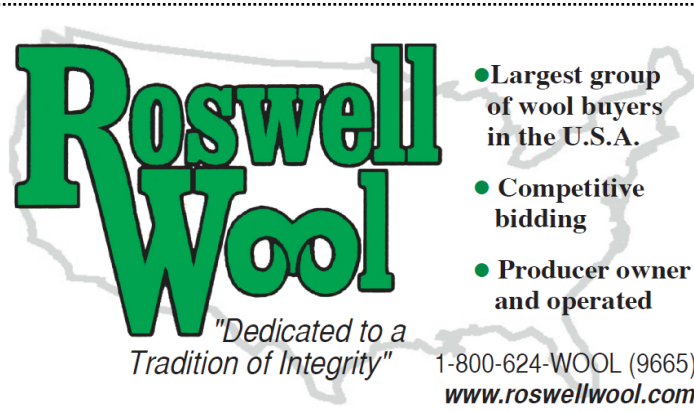
- 1) the buyer will provide the fees to register that animal, it's sire, and it's dam.
 - 2) the registration information for all involved animals will be pulled from the NSIP database.
 - 3) the USTSA will inform the Dubois Research Station of the details regarding that registration.
- In agreement with the Dubois Research Station, any animal they offer for sale that comes from a non-registerable bloodline, and in turn will not be registerable with the USTSA, will be marked in their records and be noted to the seller prior to sale.

Discussion with Bret at Dubois shined some light on what they are currently working on and their hopes for this process. At this time, Dubois does still have a closed Targhee herd, however they also have another herd that they have been purchasing outside rams. Bret could not guarantee that going forward all Targhee rams they bring in would be registerable. He feels that most will, because they want NSIP registerable animals if possible to complement their database, but the bottom line for them is be representable to the production base as a whole. What they are going to propose to other breeds that this is more likely to occur with (he is facing the same registration issue with other breeds as with us) is that those blood lines will be "marked" on their end as non-registerable when and if those offspring are ever sold.

He did also note that the "nucleous" or closed Targhee Flock will be gradually eliminated in order to better represent the breed as a whole. That means bringing in more outside animals for genetic study and representation within Dubois. This will be universal for all breeds they represent.

Two other points he asked to bring up. First, he would like to see more interaction between the station and the USTSA. His proposal would be a rotating yearly visitation where one year he or a representative would attend nationals, and the next year representatives of the USTSA would visit and "inspect" their Targhee Flock. The second point is actually a question they are proposing to all breeds they represent, and is important for their future direction. The question is, does the USTSA want to continue representation of the the Targhee breed at Dubois, meaning does the USTSA feel it's beneficial for their members and association as a whole to have ongoing work done at the Station? This was proposed to the Columbia association, and their answer was essentially "no", so Dubois changed their research strategy for the breed. It doesn't mean impeding elimination of the breed at Dubois! But he would like feedback from the membership.

This item will be discussed at the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting for further discussion and vote from the membership.



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Wisconsin State Fair Results

Targhee Premier Exhibitor - A&J Nevens Livestock

- **Champion Targhee Ram** – University of Wisconsin - Madison and went on to win **Supreme Champion Wool Breed Ram**



- **Reserve Targhee Ram** – A&J Nevens Livestock

- **Champion Targhee Ewe** –A&J Nevens Livestock



- **Reserve Targhee Ewe** – Leah Huchthausen
Leah also was 3rd Overall Supreme Champion Showperson at the Junior Show

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival

2019 Open Fleece Show

Div. 1 Commercial Market

Div. Champion 59 A & J Nevens Livestock
OPEN BEST IN SHOW 59 - A & J Nevens Livestock

JUNIOR SHOW (Just Divisions, NO Classes).

Div. 1 Commercial Market

Best Junior - J-46 Sarah Stege
Reserve Best Junior – J-56 Maggie Stalbaum





WSWF Open show supreme champion ram—Leah Huchthausen



Alicia Holtz had her first trip to the MN State Fair with a Targhee and got a purple ribbon with a yearling ewe and stood 3rd in the All Other Wool Breeds class. Madison showed at the Washington State Fair (Alicia had too many swim meets, FFA, and 4-H commitments that weekend to go). Maddie got grand Champion All Other Wool Breeds Ewe, multiple other awards including premier exhibitor.

State Fair Results

If you missed the October deadline and have other results you would like included, please submit to the USTSA office by December 15th for publication in the next newsletter.

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