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Targhee Talk submissions for the April Edition are due March 15th.

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Semi Annual Member Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Elisha Otis at 6:30 pm PST on January 7, 2021 via Zoom .

Scott Kilber gave a report on 2021 National Show and Sale. At this time, everything is planned as it had been for 2020 for a live show and sale. He reminded everyone to book their rooms soon in case there will be a shortage to give hosting committee time to arrange accommodations. It will be July 15-17th. Julie Ward asked about the possibility of an online feature and the cost associated with that. Scott reported they are as it did help in the 2020 sale bring in new buyers. One option they had found cost \$2500, so they were looking at increasing entry fees by \$20-\$25 to help cover that. Randell Von Krosigk added they're in the early stages of exploring and will be getting more quotes. Its going to be hard to have sale like this year where the listings were made in advance and would only be looking at broadcasting the sale live. Julie suggested one other concern might be arranging delivery for online buyers. Susie Skinner asked that National information with hotel names be resent to the membership. It will be included in the January Targhee Talk.

Elisha Otis reminded membership that no elections were held last year, so all Board members terms were frozen for a year. Elisha and Todd Taylor's position had been up. Todd had resigned during his term, so the Board had appointed Susie Skinner to fill out his term. Those 2 will be up for elections at the Annual Meeting. A nomination committee has been formed. Please let them if you have any interest on filling spot or have someone in mind.

Committees gave a report next.

Registration Committee – Julie Ward reported the transition has been completed to Associated Registry and appears to be going smoothly. Julie thanked all the committee members for their work. Only issue still being worked on is the design of the group certificate. She thought 256 registrations had been completed and 56 transfers. Reminder that all late fees are being waived until March 31st. There was some questions regarding the transfers of the registration certificates from the National Sale. Sellers are responsible for getting the certificates to the buyers.

Bylaws Committee – Scott Kilber presented the updated/cleaned up version the committee had drafted. Julie suggested to add that Annual and Semi Annual meeting could be held virtually. She also asked that it be possible to have the Annual meeting virtual to be able to get more participation from members unable to attend Nationals. Elisha asked if this would than eliminate the need for Proxy. Julie didn't think so because there could still be conflicts and every member should be able to have their vote counted. Scott thought it would be possible to have sufficient internet capabilities at the 2021 Annual meeting to offer this. Bryan Allred than brought up the wording of Proxy vote and what constituted "witnessed" signature. Does that mean it needs to be notarized? A signature should be required on the request, but than could be emailed or mailed in. It was determined the committee would finalize their suggestions and than be presented to the membership for review to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Starter Flock – Dylan Laverall discussed the changes to the application and voting process the committee had decided on. They had discussed asking for a letter from a vet but some felt in areas on Wisconsin where sheep vets are hard to come by might eliminate qualified applicants. Biggest change was doing away with the final independent judge and creating a 5 person committee to handle it instead. Susie Skinner said this came about when last year the committee voting on the top 5 were all similar and then the final judge went complete opposite. Julie Ward moved to accept the proposed changes, Bryan Allred seconded. Passed.

Minutes, cont'd.

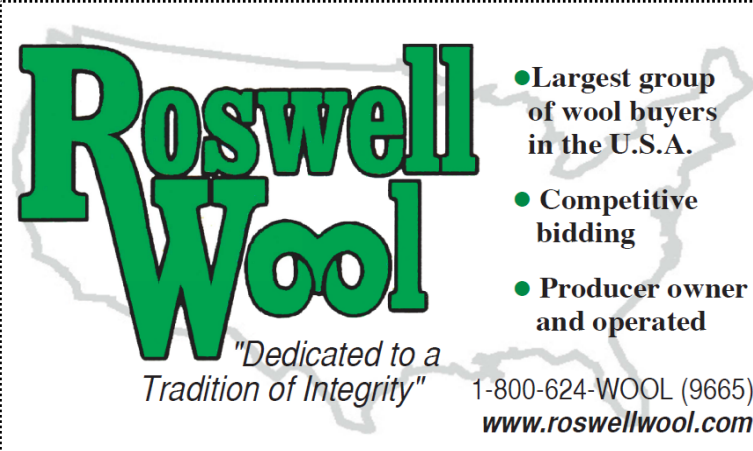
2021 Budget was than discussed. It is a very rough review of finances. Highlights that we're reliant on a good National Show and Sale. 2021 will be different than previous years with the move to Associated Registry and still uncertainty with the pandemic. Even if we do end of with a negative cash flow, the Association has over \$20,000 in savings. Julie Ward suggested to increase the annual fee as a way to generate added funds. Scott Kilber didn't think members would have a problem as long as it could be shown what the funds were supporting, like advertising. Bryan Allred agreed if its ear tagged, than people would like the idea. Elisha played devils advocate and on the other hand would raising fees after just raising registration fees further discourage getting those not registering to start again. Dylan suggested going to \$15. Randell mentioned other breeds are anywhere from \$50-\$200. Kristin Bieber added that out of all the expenses she pays for NSIP, IED, etc, the \$10 annual fee is by far the cheapest. Tracy Roeder said she is fine with higher fee if know what we're getting. Need a theme or campaign and sell it. Julie suggested maybe this is something the promotion committee could maybe look into. Lisa Surber said the ads that had been developed this year were not year specific and made to be reused with minor edits each year. Have to spend money if you want to make money. Dawnita Sampsel agreed to serve on promotion committee. Julie moved to accept the proposed budget, Paula Brakke seconded. Passed.

2021 Directory was discussed next. We have been on 3 year rotation, so time to do one again. Asked for ideas to improve it and/or if should continue doing. In years past, advertising was sold to members and outside companies in effort to cover design and printing costs. Outside businesses were offered priced up pricing deal to also be included in Targhee Talk newsletter and highlighted on website. The new website has not had the feature developed yet, knowing we need to get it updated this year. Tracy suggested only doing something online and not printing. Paula noted she still uses the directories to hand out to each breeder she sells to. Randall thought maybe just order fewer printed copies and reorder more when needed. Todd Taylor said other breeders just do one each year in newsletter. Please continue to submit any ideas for changes.

All American Show – Todd Taylor reported this year will be in Springfield, IL July 1-4th. Board had approved funding the event already. Now we need to drum up participants. If anyone is interested, has any questions, etc please contact Todd. It's a great event for youth and good promotion of the Targhee breed.

Lastly, we discussed the redistricting of the Board members. Julie asked if this would take a by law change, but reading through appeared it did not. In past had only been by member vote. Elisha thought that what might be needed is a contingency plan if there was no one in region to fill a vacancy. Randall for the last years, Montana and South Dakota were the largest portion of the membership, so maybe each needed their own representative. Tracy suggested calculating 3 year rolling average of registrations for each state and current members in each state and redistrict according to that. Elisha asked if it would be helpful to include this in the bylaws as a written rule so we don't have to keep figuring out how to district. Bryan felt one problem is the chart isn't going to represent the actual head of Targhees on the ground. The majority of sheep in Utah are Targhees, but commercial herds that are purchasing our rams. However, the registrations aren't going to show that because right now he and Southern Utah University are the only current members in the state. Darrell Denke recalled that in South Dakota back in the day they had many more registered breeders but as years have passed, more are going just commercial. Kristin Bieber said Jack had told story that you know how popular your breed is when commercial breeders admit they have Targhee in their flock. Tracy made point that when calculating averages, to keep this initial term with Associated Registry separate to not skew previous averages.

Paula Brakke moved to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Allred seconded. Passed.



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2021 National Show & Sale - July 15-17th

The Dakota Area Targhee Sheep Association is honored to be hopefully this year actually hosting the 2021 USTSA National Show & Sale. It will be held July 15th through July 17th at the Spink County Fair Grounds, in Redfield, South Dakota. They had put all plans on hold from 2020 and hoping to pick up where they left off. Lodging is limited, so please make arrangements sooner rather than later to ensure everyone has accommodations.

Accommodations at Nationals

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.

Please give Scott Kilber a call if you are having trouble finding lodging. 605 380-5262.

Deadlines to keep in mind

NSIP

- ◆ Data for the required traits must be submitted for the **June 1st** run
- ◆ All rams and ewes must be shorn after **February 20th**.

May 31st - Entry and event forms due. Entry forms and packets will be available in the April newsletter as well as online.

June 15th - All registrations and information for catalog are due.

REGISTRATION REMINDER- THE GRACE PERIOD FOR WAIVER OF LATE FEES FOR REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS ENDS ON MARCH 31ST. GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN NOW! VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR FORMS OR GO TO ASSOCIATED REGISTRY FOR MORE INFO.



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NSIP Insights with Dr. Lisa Surber (Targhee Breed Representative on the NSIP BOD)

For some of us, lambing is in full swing. Weather has been pretty easy for many areas of the US. Here's hoping those new lambs are warm, cozy, and growing like crazy...

There are 29 active Targhee NSIP producers. The list is available at: <http://nsip.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NSIP-Contact-List-By-Breed-July-2020-Sheet1.pdf>

Rusty Burgett, our NSIP Program Director, is still receiving regular calls/emails from members dealing with Pedigree Master issues. Among other issues, there seems to be some conflict between the recent PM updates and Windows updates. He had a meeting with LambPlan personnel and they discussed ways to improve the program along with several other topics. Have you had any issues?

I think everyone is getting pretty comfortable with the NSIP online searchable database. You can access the tool at <http://nsipsearch.nsip.org>. You can search by 16 digit ID number or indicate the search parameters you are looking for. It should be pretty straight forward. Once you run a query, you can click on "view details" and find tons of information on each animal and trace an animal's pedigree. It is very useful, if you haven't used it, please try it out!

Don't forget that NSIP has a YouTube channel. There are many helpful tutorials from setup of Pedigree Master to Exporting Data to Excel. Make sure you subscribe to the channel and get notifications when new material is added.

The annual NSIP membership meeting has been scheduled for February 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. central time. The meeting is typically held in conjunction with the ASI Sheep Industry Convention, however, with the convention being held virtually, we will be hosting the annual membership via Zoom. The membership meeting is open to all currently enrolled members of NSIP. We will post pre-recorded educational sessions and committee updates to the NSIP website prior to February 3, then have live Q&A sessions during the live meeting. We will also conduct elections for the board seats that are coming open in 2021. All NSIP members that are currently enrolled and are current on their account are eligible to vote in the board of directors election.

Pre-registration is required for the meeting and available at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMsde-upj8jG9MZ53l4tZ6l6yfKpyWwW93F>

After registering, you will be emailed the login information for the call, the slate of nominations for the board of directors and links will be sent for the pre-recorded educational materials.

The Center of the Nation NSIP Sale date is scheduled for July 31 at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, IA.

That's all for now. I hope shearing and spring lambing goes well for everyone. Warm Regards, Lisa




ALB Offers Ethnic Marketing Materials

Special events, such as ethnic holidays, are an important marketing time for American lamb. To assist direct marketers and other industry members in planning for these events, the American Lamb Board offers a Holiday Calendar handout for 2021 through 2023.

Listings on the ALB calendar include ethnic holidays such as: Festive of the Nativity (Christian Orthodox Christmas), Pesch (Jewish Passover), Western Easter (Roman), Ramadan (Muslim Month of Fasting), Eastern Orthodox Easter (Greek), Muharramm/Hajra (Islamic New Year) and Chanukkah (Jewish Festival of Lights). The calendar is available in a PDF for easy printing and sharing.

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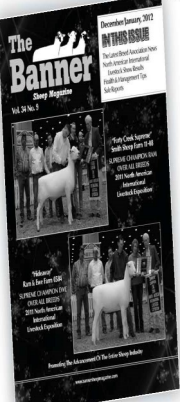
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President's Notes

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021! I bet most of us are glad to see 2020 come to an end. I want to thank everyone that attended our first mid year meeting via zoom. If any of you had trouble logging in please let Mardy or me know so we can get these corrected right away. Remember to contact Mardy if you would like to serve on a committee. If there are any questions, concerns, or problems at any time please also let us know. We can't fix what we don't know is broken. I want to wish everyone a very blessed and successful lambing and shearing season!

~Elisha Otis

Starter Flock Program

Application is now available on our website (ustargheesheep.org). Please help spread the word to eligible youth that would be a great addition to the Association. This will be the thirteenth year the Association has given away a Starter Flock to a deserving Youth. In the previous years, the generous members of the USTSA has awarded 16 starter flocks, totaling 52 head of sheep, and have also donated almost \$12,000 towards buyers credits for the award winners to purchase additional sheep at USTSA national sales.

The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2021 national sale.

Exciting Presentations Pack ASI Convention Lineup

While 2020 presented challenges at every turn, changes in the processing sector meant many sheep producers laid awake at night wondering when and where they might get their lambs processed. The addition of two new facilities and the subtraction of the second-largest in the country led to a major shuffling of the deck, but things seem to be back on track for 2021.

The American Sheep Industry Association will take a look at this substantial challenge and where things are headed in 2021 with a lamb panel during the opening session of the ASI Annual Convention on Thursday, Jan. 28, beginning at 9 a.m. MST. Jeff Hasbrouck of Double J, Spence Rule of Colorado Lamb Processors and Rick Stott of Superior Farms have been invited to provide presentations regarding the status of their operations and how they are working to meet the challenge of processing lambs in 2021. If time allows, there will be a short question-and-answer session following the presentations.

Dozens of great speakers will follow the lamb panel during the course of the two-day convention. The full agenda is available on the website

It's not too late to register, but the deadline is approaching. Registration closes Jan. 22, and due to the virtual nature of the convention, ASI will not be able to accommodate late registrations this year. So, register today.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Jan. 26 - Birth Management for Sheep & Goats (Part 3 of 4) - Online - [Commerce.cashnet.com/msu](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu)

Jan. 28-29 - ASI Annual Convention - Online - www.sheepusa.org

Jan. 30 - Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Eastern Lambing and Kidding School - Seward, Neb. - email ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com or call Melissa at 308-386-8378

Feb. 2 - Birth Management for Sheep & Goats (Part 4 of 4) - Online - [Commerce.cashnet.com/msu](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu)

Feb. 6 - Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Western Lambing and Kidding School - Bayard, Neb. - email ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com or call Melissa at 308-386-8378

Feb. 16 - Ohio State University Small Ruminant Nutrition Webinar - Online - go.osu.edu/smallruminantwebinars2021

March 3-4 - Missouri Shearing School - Lincoln University - Amy Bax at 573-681-6190 or BaxA2@lincolnU.edu

March 16 - Ohio State University Weaning, Sorting and Selling Webinar - Online - go.osu.edu/smallruminantwebinars2021

March 20 - Washington State Sheep Producers Lambing School - Lamont, Wash. - wssp.org

April 3 - Washington State Sheep Producers Lambing School - Lamont, Wash. - wssp.org

April 15-17 - Sheep Shearing School at Shepherd's Cross - Claremore, Okla. - www.shepherds�ross.com

April 17 - Washington State Sheep Producers Lambing School - Lamont, Wash. - wssp.org

April 21 - Designing Your Sheep & Goat Grazing System - Online - www.wisc.edu

May 1-2 - 48th Annual Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival - West Friendship, Md. - www.sheepandwool.org

July 10-11 - Grazing Hills Fiber Arts Festival - Viola, Idaho - www.ghfiberfest.com

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