

NWLA Meeting – Conference Call September 29, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was a teleconference and called to order at 7:07 p.m. Pacific.

ATTENDANCE

Gordon Lenhard, Chairman
Jim Eldridge, Vice Chair
Maggie Hansen, Treasurer
Beth Johnson, Secretary
Jacqui Duran, Show and Sales Committee Chair
Alan Bradshaw, Marketing and Promotions Committee Chair
Shelley Dodd

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Annual NWLA Membership Meeting had been emailed to the board for their prior review. With a suggestion to add the Treasurer's Report and change the reported results from the Fitting Clinic to positive instead of negative the minutes were approved. Revised minutes with the Treasurer's Report will be emailed to the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Maggie Hansen gave the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

None reported

NEW BUSINESS

Gordon announced his resignation as chairman of the board due to health considerations. Jim Eldridge graciously accepted the responsibility beginning with this meeting.

Membership Dues

A motion was made by Jacqui to change the annual dues deadline to December 31 for the following year.

Shelley seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

The board discussed the possible ways to handle this change in procedure and decided an announcement in the newsletter may be the best course of action.

A motion was made by Jacqui that those members in good standing with their dues paid for the year 2009-10 will pay half that amount for the 2010 year.

Shelley seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

It was decided that Shelley and Maggie will coordinate finalizing an accurate membership list to facilitate the process. Maggie initiated the idea of accepting partial payments, especially in regard to the current economic status.

A motion was made to adopt this new practice along with Allen's motion to waive the \$10 late fee for this year with a review of the procedure to be done next year.

Shelley seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Election of Officers

The upcoming newsletter will request nominations from the membership. They can be emailed or mailed to Beth to be added to the ballot.

NWLA Bylaws

Jim is coordinating a committee to review the current bylaws. The goal would be to ensure that they are working for the membership and strive to improve them where they might not do so. Currently, the members of the committee include Jim, Allen, Donna Boekle, Paul Smith, and Sue Hagle. Any other member interested in participating is encouraged to call Jim. This announcement will also be included in the upcoming newsletter.

SHOW UPDATES

Jacque reported that there was negative feedback concerning the judge at the annual show, especially since he is unfamiliar with the Lowline breed. It was agreed that every effort will be made in the future to procure a judge knowledgeable about Lowlines. She also requested that any pros and cons from the memberships' experience at the show in Spokane be forwarded to her to be communicated to the Spokane fair.

Jacqui reported that the Spokane fair is open to discuss adding grass fed classes next year. If we want to go that route, she encouraged moving ahead now. She also reported that Brian Walters' recommended adding a prospective steers class and a finish class. Dean will be doing research to find any current criteria for grass fed beef or any other pertinent information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm Pacific