

FSFF Meeting Minutes

11/08/22

I. Call to order

Genry Ellison called to order the regular meeting of the FSFF at 7:03 pm CST on November 8, 2022. Genry welcomed the new board members and thanked them on behalf of the membership for their willingness to serve.

II. Attendees

Becky Roberts

Randy Plaugher

Genry Ellison

Heather Ellison

Ben Estes

Josh Gardner

~~Jason Groom~~

Jacob Prior

Lance Smith

Brian Valentine

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Josh Gardner motioned to approve the minutes from the October 2022 meeting and the annual meeting and Jacob Prior seconded. The motion was carried, and the meetings' minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Becky Roberts reviewed the Financial Report. The Scholarship Fund now carries a balance of \$5,8645.39. The General Fund has a current balance of \$30,630.02. Brian Valentine motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Ben Estes seconded. The motion was carried and the financial report was approved.

V. Coordinator's Report

Reviewed the LCC numbers received. After payment of the Friday night meal and sales commission, it appears that the FSFF will clear around \$10,400 from the Genetic Fundraiser. The Silent Auction cleared \$3875. The 2023-2024 Directory will get

underway pretty quickly. Kim Banks has been lined up for the catalog and will be giving us a timeline soon. Memberships will be due by 1/31/23. Renewals and applications will be mailed this week. Josh Gardner motioned to accept the coordinator report and Jacob Prior seconded and the motion was carried.

Old business

a) Fundraising

Last meeting the board proposed to ask the membership to donate \$10 for every animal sold on their farm through the year. This is a Texas Beef Council current program and would be an honor system program. Brian asked about possibly having the buyer's names sent to the federation but many of the board didn't think that sharing the names without permission would be appropriate. The board tabled the discussion for the next meeting to discuss further.

b) NCBA annual meeting

Genry to follow up with Tom Zimmerman about his offer of the FSFF sharing the trade show booth with ASA and Simbrah organizations.

c) Naile

FSFF to pay for Saturday afternoon meal. The entries have increased and entries are from a variety of regions. Premium to be awarded to the Grand Champion Jr Heifer. Discussion was held to propose an award to the winner of the "triple crown", which would be the Naile, Cattlemen's Congress and Dixie Nationals. Lance mentioned that AJSA show is up and coming and should be included. Larry Maxey said the NAILE will match funds in the future.

d) FSFF sale

The representative of the sale barn in West Virginia has offered for us to hold our sale in conjunction with their existing Beef Expo. The sale manager would like to join our next call to discuss options and details. Spring of 2024 is the proposed sale time. Sale was passed as a heifer only sale as well, previously. Ben Estes questioned possibility of online sale. Brian Valentine talked about the social aspect of the sale and that is why the sale should be in person. Josh Gardner and Brian Valentine would like a committee formed at the next meeting for fact finding. Tabled for the next meeting.

e) Coordinator position

Tabled for next meeting.

VI. New business

a) Officer Elections

Genry opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Randy Plaughter nominated Genry Ellison. Josh Gardner seconded the motion. Rebecca Roberts nominated Brian Valentine. Vice Chair is open. Rebecca Roberts is the current secretary/treasurer. The motion was carried for Genry Ellison as the Chairman for the remainder of his term. Rebecca Roberts nominated Brian Valentine for Vice Chair. Lance Smith seconded. No other nominations were given and the motion carried. Genry Ellison motioned for Rebecca to remain as sec/treasurer and Brian Valentine seconded and the motion was carried. Rebecca Roberts will remain the secretary/treasurer.

b) Coordinator Raise

Rebecca Roberts motioned to give the coordinator a raise. The last person was making double the current pay. Randy asked for her proposed figure which she proposed as \$1200/month and Randy Plaughter seconded. The motion was carried. The coordinator thanked the board for their confidence. Ben Estes questioned travel expenses and such for the coordinator position and it is currently not paid. Genry and Heather both asked that travel expenses remain unpaid and remain in the FSFF for now.

VII. Adjournment

Jacob Prior motioned to adjourn and Josh Gardner seconded. Genry Ellison adjourned the meeting. Next meeting planned for 1/12/23.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Ellison

Minutes approved by: Board members 1/12/23