

# Minutes 2023 Annual Council Meeting

Belted Galloway Society, Inc.

Louisville, KY

November 13, 2023

The annual council meeting was called to order by President Sheri Riley at 10:05 AM EST. Officers and council members present in person; President Sheri Riley, Vice President Victoria Voisine, Treasurer Terry Etheridge, Past President Jack Bagley, council member Kim Lohmann, Editor Jayde Reilly, DPO Corinna Caron, present via zoom, council members Don Henderson, and Dana Jacobson.

Minutes of the October 17, 2023 special council meeting: **Motion;** Terry Etheridge, second Kim Lohmann, the minutes be approved, motion carried.

Treasurers report; **Motion;** Kim Lohmann, second Jack Bagley, the treasurers report be approved, motion carried.

President's report, President Sheri Riley; detailed the accomplishments and tribulations of the details of the committees at work the past year and mentioned goals of completion for next year.

Committee Reports;

Scholarship; announced the winners for 2023 of Ashton Caron, Hailey Craig, and Aidan Harbage.

Advertising and Promotion, by Chair Don Henderson. Announced the completion of the Sire and semen Directory, along with the plan to move to a quarterly news mailing and away from a monthly and as well from a separate annual publication (journal).

Junior Association by Chair Victoria Voisine. Announced the By-laws draft is complete and a bank account specific to the Junior Association is open. Chair Voisine expounded on the upcoming first Junior Nationals scheduled to be held in Ohio, in June 2024. DPO Corinna Caron provided updates on activities conducted this past year including junior board members and planned activities at NAILE.

Registry Alternative; by Greg Hippe for Chair Tommy Fey, detailed progress to this point which includes all parties, Digital Beef, American Chianina Association, and CLRC being notified and basic contractual agreements made. Switchover to new providers will be able to begin early in 2024. Greg Hipple advised council slight rule changes to accomplish compliance will probably need to be made to accommodate the changeover.

World Galloway Congress, by Past President Jack Bagley; provided an overview of the experience attending the 2023 congress in Switzerland.

New Business;

Finance; With the continued erosion of the society's finances due to expenditures requested and required by the membership, Executive Director Greg Hipple theorized the impacts the cost savings of

the registry changeover and contractor status may bring about, plus the need to search for additional revenue streams. He presented the whole herd reporting currently used by many breed associations and the potential for income as well as the ability to maintain an accurate animal inventory a rule such as this might accomplish.

Treasurer Terry Etheridge presented the idea to council of a branded beef program. Participation to be voluntary and regulations and rules need to be developed but this is also a potential revenue as well as promotional opportunity. Terry Etheridge to form a committee to explore this venue.

2024 Annual Meeting location; President Riley, Jack Bagley, Terry Etheridge, and Greg Hipple will serve on the committee making the recommendation to council as to location and date.

Election of Officers; Chair of the nominating committee Jack Bagley, nominated the slate of officers for 2023 to remain the same in 2024, Sheri Riley, President, Victoria Voisine, Vice President, second Dana Jacobson. Unanimous.

**Motion** to move into closed session to review private contractors' compensation and contracts by Voictoria Voisine, second by Terry Etheridge at 11:27AM EST. motion carried

**Motion** to return to open session by Terry Etheridge, second by Kim Lohmann at 12:00 noon EST. noon motion carried.

Editor Jayde Reilly and Interim Executive Director Corinna Caron were informed of the provisions of the new contracts that will be prepared for them.

**Motion;** to adjourn by Kim Lohmann, second Terry Etheridge. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM EST.

Recorded by Greg Hipple