ETGRA General Membership meeting October 22, 2022 at ETGRA property

Educational presentation by Michael McEwen of Cherokee Real Estate Co, re: real estate perspective of sale of property. Attendees introduced with names and residence location.

Presentation of scholarship award made to Madelyn Ford-$1000 award.

Property walked with realtor prior to lunch break.

Members and visitors present for educational meeting: Tony Thomas, Dempsey Walton, Absalom Harvey, Lea Owens, Pat Thomas, Fred Vandermartin, Jonathan Saint, Gwen Vandermartin, AJ Ford, Madelyn Ford, Kim Kepler, Richard Meyers, Andrea Thompson, James Kyle, Donnie Driver

Potluck lunch

Meeting called to order at 12:25 pm by Tony Thomas.

BOD/officers Present:Tony Thomas, Pat Thomas, Andrea Thompson, Gwen Vandermartin, Dempsey Walton

BOD/officers absent: James Kyle, Donnie Driver, Charles Johnson, Curtis Shoemaker

Members and visitors present: AJ and Madelyn Ford, Lea Owens, Absalom Harvey, Jonathan Saint, Fred Vandermartin

Minutes-minutes from July GM meeting read by Andrea Thompson, copies given to those in attendance. Gwen V made motion to accept, Pat T 2nd, minutes approved.

Treasurer’s report-presented by Pat and printed for those in attendance. Total in accounts as of September 30,2022: $15,530.69 -GF $4,507.57, BF $6340.49, YF $1,402.56, SF $2,580.07 DF $700.00. Andrea T made motion to acceptGwen V 2nd. Treasurer’s report approved.

Membership-report presented by Gwen Vandermartin-41 total members-gained 2 since conference call Oct 11, 2022. 30 adult, 7 junior, 4 lifetime memberships.

Building-AJ Ford-door on back shed was open, bathroom sink p-trap leaking again. Curtis and his son are doing mowing during deer lease season. Survey has been done, Curtis is planning to mark property lines.

Dairy-no report-no chair

Sale-Gwen-Kim Keplar did well in office, has agreed to take over. Sale report presented by Gwen-net income $666.35, 75 total animals, 60 sold, 19% po’d. Fred V-reported that one person’s lot was split due to delivering at two different times, half were pulled out of order, some lots were run out of order. Absalom H-there were only 3 “high-end” buyers who were primarily looking for wether stock. 35 bucks were consigned in the sale. Lea O-suggested asking wether breeders to sell ETGRA an animal at reduced price to resell at the sale as a fundraiser. Jonathan S asked about mode of advertising-primarily via social media, Gwen had family illness this year for mail-outs to prior sellers/buyers, few other advertising options used.

Education-Andrea will work on next meeting.

Scholarship-awarded prior to business meeting to Madelynn Ford.

New Business/Youth-Lea Owens-asked if there is a way to expand exposure/awareness of ETGRA. Recommended sponsorship options for youth fairs-banners get thrown away after each event. Proposed selling RTIC-type tumbers-30 oz cost $30 each for 10, could use as youth award in local fairs. Andrea asked if a youth program premium enrollment could be started-youth who are members could get add-ons at fair sales. Andrea-motion made to purchase 20 20oz tumblers with ETGRA logo for use as awards for next 1-2 fairs in area as presented by Lea. Pat T 2nd. Motion approved.

Website-Jonathan S asked if there is a domain available for ETGRA-volunteered to investigate.

Next conference call Nov 15 at 6:30 pm

Next GM meeting Jan 14 10 am at ETGRA property

Gwen V made motion to adjourn, Pat T seconded. Meeting adjourned 1:22 pm-potluck lunch followed.

Andrea Thompson, Sec.