

**Belted Galloway Society, Inc**  
**Spring Council Teleconference**  
**May 6, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Janie Tripp at 8:02 PM EST. Present were Vice President Jack Bagley, Past President Dawson Masters, Secretary Randy Hall, Treasurer Jon Bednarski, Council members Pat Hipple, Victoria Oatley, Sheri Riley and Paul Tarap. Also present were Newsletter Editor Jayde Reilly, Executive Director Vic Eggleston, Leanne Fogle and Dustin James.

**Presentation of the minutes** from the Fall 2019 Council meeting were presented. **MOTION** – by Jon Bednarski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Tarap that the minutes be approved. **Unanimous.**

**Secretary's report** – presented by Randy Hall – (attached) were read and accepted.

- Of note in the report
  - There has been a 5 % decline in the number of regular memberships in the past 3 years, 20% decline in new membership and a 30% decline in junior memberships.
  - The number of associate members listed for 2018 needs to be changed to 8 on the previous report.
  - A discussion on options for membership retention and increases will be discussed by the Advertising committee.
  - Several years ago the newsletter editor found that nearly 50% of new members that join after the free first year membership program was instituted, had continued their membership.
  - Male registrations, though up from 2018 to 2019 declined 26% in the past 3 years, female registration declined 21% and appendix recordations declined 29%. Transfers declined 6.5%.

**Treasurer's report** –(attached) presented by Jon Bednarski were read and accepted.

- Of note in the report
  - No extraordinary expenses occurred with the exception of those related to the World Galloway Conference.
  - Can expect a \$6000 increase in CLRC expenses due to their fee increases.
  - BGS fees have not been reviewed since 2010.
  - The monetary exchange rate with Canada has benefited the Society in the past several years.

**President's report** by Janie Tripp

- Goals for years 2020-21
  - Work to have a successful World Galloway Congress
  - Mentor members and help them persevere through these difficult times

## Committee reports

- **Advertising and Promotion committee** – Jon Bednarski
  - World Galloway Conference
    - To date have about 25 registrations. Only a couple since the Covid-19 pandemic became widespread. Many concerns have been expressed over international travel rules and restrictions. Jon has talked to leaders of the next two scheduled WGC meetings and confirmed they would be willing to postpone their meeting for a year. Hopefully the advanced registrants would be willing to all the BGS to retain their payment for a year and that all venue down payments by the Society would be advanced to 2021. **MOTION** – by Jack Bagley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janie Tripp to postpone the scheduled 2020 World Galloway Conference until November 2021. **Unanimous.**
  - Journal
    - 2750 Journals were printed in 2019 for distribution to members with the remainder available for shows and exhibitions. The proposed 2020 Journal was to have the World Galloway Conference as its central theme. In addition a number of shows and exhibitions have been cancelled reducing the opportunities to distribute the Journal which in turn likely would reduce the number of advertisers. **MOTION** –by Randy Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria Oatley that a BGS journal not be published for 2020. **Unanimous.**
    - Recommendation was made that the publication of the 2021 Journal be put out for bids.
  - **Budget and Finance** – (attached) Vic Eggleston
    - WGC income and expenses were left at 0 due to the fact that the meeting is postponed until 2021.
    - Show and exhibition funding requests listed in the budget will be honored only if the event occurs. As of May 6, the National sale \$1000, GLBGA show and the Wisconsin Farm technology days \$500, have been cancelled and removed from the budget.
    - Journal expenses of \$3000 for publishing expenses and \$1500 for its editorial expenses have been removed. **MOTION** – by Jack Bagley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Hall that the budget be accepted as amended. **Unanimous.**
  - **Executive committee**
    - The Council in executive session voted to provide the Executive Director with a %5 raise.
  - **Foundation** – Vic Eggleston
    - Eight applications were received for 2020
  - **Junior Association** – Dustin James- (attached)
  - **Old business**
    - Next Council teleconference set for May 12, 2020
  - **Adjourn** – **MOTION** – by Jon Bednarski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria Oatley that the meeting be adjourned. **Unanimous.** Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Hall, Secretary