

British Toggenburg Society Treasurer's Report 2007

This has been another sound financial year for the Society despite a general decline in interest in both keeping and opportunities for showing of dairy goats.

The membership of the society has remained loyal and I am grateful for the prompt payment of membership fees. We currently have 77 members and it is thanks to their membership fees that we remain solvent and are able to provide the membership with quality Journals, a Stud List and a Breed Show each year.

We are grateful to Richard Pemble for keeping printing and postage costs to a minimum for us and for the generosity of elected officers in not billing the society for their paperwork, postage and telephone calls.

The Breed Show continues to be an important event for the Society - it does sadly lose money each year but its advantages to those who attend outweighs these losses which are appreciably offset by the generosity of members in providing items for the Silent Auction. Members are really urged to try and visit the show even if they do not exhibit. It is an annual opportunity to meet and view.

I once again pay tribute to Shane Jones for his raffle fundraising in his workplace and bringing in over £100 to the Society. His valiant personal effort, the Silent Auction and membership fees remain the three principal sources of income on which we have come to rely and on which we are dependant for financial consistency.

The sale of Best of Breed rosettes which can be ordered from Gabbi Franklin also provide the Society with a small profit and if readers are involved in running a show, I would urge you to consider buying a Best of Breed British Toggenburg rosette for that occasion.

Likewise, I would ask members to use our Society website and to personally advertise their herd on there. This can be done for a £10 per annum fee and the website receives many worldwide hits.

Members are also reminded that they may advertise in the BT Journal.

The Society is always grateful to receive any small raffle/auction prizes which can be used to offset expenditure especially for funding the Breed Show and printing/postage costs.

The British Toggenburg Society remains an important panacea for those involved in the breeding, showing and marketing of this type of dairy goat. It is only the goodwill and loyalty of members which sustains this Society and the services which it is able to provide. Please keep up this support however you are able.

I will be pleased to answer any questions relating to society finances either by telephone, letter or email once you have studied my balance sheet for the year.

Brian Perry
Treasurer