

Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

Annual Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2021

BOD Present: Brad Carothers, Roxanne Newton, Kathy Bielek, Lee Wright and Robert Walker.

President Brad Carothers opened the meeting with a brief history of how the EAPK began. Everyone on the original steering committee was recognized: Brad & Katie Carothers, Roxanne Newton, Jim Morgan, David Coplen, Jeff & Kathy Bielek, Larry & Lisa Weeks, Tom Hodgman, Lee Wright, Michelle Canfield and Lynn Fahrmeier.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee – Roxanne Newton, Kathy Bielek, Robert Walker, Lisa Weeks, Brad Carothers, Isabel Richards

- Kathy reported that the committee has created 11 Fact Sheets and NSIP Concept Sheets; posted six blogs; and published four newsletters. Everyone was invited to contact Roxanne or Kathy if they are interested in serving on the Communications Committee, or if they have ideas for blogs or newsletter content.

Mentorship Committee – Roxanne Newton, Kathy Bielek, Lisa Weeks

- Roxanne gave a brief overview of the mentorship program and encouraged everyone to complete the mentorship survey in their handout packet. We need to know what areas people feel they would like mentoring in, as well as how they prefer to receive information – one-on-one, newsletter articles, webinars, etc.

Symposium & Sale Committee – Brad Carothers, Lisa Weeks, Lee Wright, Robert Walker, Kathy Bielek

- Brad thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to complete the survey or evaluation that will be coming in the near future. It will include suggestions for future locations of the Symposium and Sale.
- Lee was recognized for all the work he's done getting ready for the event.
- Brad gave a brief explanation of how the sale will work. Willoughby Sales will contact the sellers directly. Everyone was reminded that animals have to be out by 3:00 pm on Saturday.

Website/Social Media Committee – Robert Walker, Brad Carothers, Katie Carothers

- Robert reported that there are plans to add video to the website at some point.
- Robert reminded all the members that there is a place on the membership directory for farm logos and for an information blurb on their farm, as well as links to Facebook or their website.

There will be an election next year for Board of Directors.

Brad introduced Alan Culham from KHSI Operations and thanked KHSI for their support of the Symposium through a Kreg grant.

Robert suggested setting up a table at the KHSI Expo. Everyone agreed and Brad will coordinate.

Larry Weeks made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lee Wright seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Bielek, EAPK Secretary