

Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

Annual Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2022

BOD Present: Brad Carothers, Lisa Weeks, Kathy Bielek, Lee Wright, Tom Hodgman and Robert Walker. Twenty-two EAPK members were present.

President Brad Carothers called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2021 Annual Meeting – Lisa moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Robert seconded the motion.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee – Kathy Bielek & Roxanne Newton

- Kathy reported that the committee has created a survey to identify what members most interested in seeing in the quarterly EAPK newsletter and blogs. Everyone is asked to complete the survey and return it to the registration table.

Mentorship Committee – Brad Carothers

- Brad reported that the mentorship committee has been merged into a new Education and Outreach Committee.
- A new monthly EAPK forum was started recently. It will be held on Zoom on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm EST.
- The committee is looking into the possibility of a webinar series. Members were asked to email Brad with suggestions.

Symposium & Sale Committee – Brad Carothers

- Brad reported that KREG grant funds were used in June to co-host a field day with NC State. Another field day is planned for October in Frombel, PA.
- Brad reminded consignors that they are responsible for staying until their sheep leave the sale. Everyone is required to be out by 10:00 AM Sunday. Feedback from consignors on their experience is welcome. Let Brad know.

Website/Social Media Committee – Robert Walker

- 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. Send the information to Robert and he will add it to the website.

NSIP and Genetics Committee – Tom Hodgman

- Tom gave a brief update on the GEMS project as well as the revisions to the Katahdin Index.

Brad reminded everyone that there will be two director positions open in 2023, followed by three open positions in 2024 and two in 2025. Nominations will be solicited next spring.

Lee Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Robert Walker seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Bielek, EAPK Secretary