

Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021

Present: Brad Carothers, Roxanne Newton, Tom Hodgman, Kathy Bielek, Lee Wright and Lisa Weeks and Robert Walker.

President Brad Carothers called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Old Business

- Roxanne moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as written. Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously. After reviewing the minutes, Brad stated that he will notify Willoughby that mature rams are limited to one per consignor (that point had been overlooked).

New Business

- Brad brought to the BOD's attention that there have been some people who have joined EAPK as voting members who are not members of NSIP. One of the requirements for voting membership is to submit data to NSIP for two years. There was discussion about membership requirements and whether submitting historic data would count. The original intent was that voting members and members of the BOD would be NSIP members raising production Katahdins. It was agreed that submitting historic data does count towards the two years for voting and consigning animals to the sale, as long as there is data in the searchable database for 2020 and 2021.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee – Roxanne, Kathy, Robert, Lisa, Brad

- Roxanne reported that the newsletter was sent out last week. Her copy was sent to her spam folder and she asked if anyone else had that problem (no one else did). Robert reported that we use Mail Chimp, which is the same list serve used for KHSI. The next newsletter is planned for early June in time to have more details about the symposium. Tom will provide a genomics update with numbers of flocks and sheep submitted for the genomics project for the next newsletter. Tom will also work with Roxanne on an article on selecting breeding rams for the next newsletter.

Mentorship Committee –

- Brad mentioned that the committee needs to get back work in order to present information at the symposium.

Symposium & Sale Committee – Brad, Lisa, Lee, Robert, Kathy

- The sale has been added to the Willoughby website with correct dates and sale details.
- Robert is looking into insurance for the event. We still need to identify a caterer.

- No one has signed up yet for the sale. Willoughby's deadline to consign is three weeks prior to the sale. Brad will check to see if the deadline can be extended to allow for the 6/15 NSIP data run.
- It was agreed to put an ad for the symposium in the next Herald. Roxanne suggested everyone put something in their individual ads, either letting people know we're consigning rams or inviting them to the EAPK symposium.

Technical Committee –

- Tom reported that the only thing new for the technical committee is the genomics project. Everything else is on hold until fall or winter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Next meeting is May 26th at 7:00pm EST

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Bielek