



## **April 24<sup>th</sup> – April EAPK Board of Directors Meeting**

Members present: Kathy Bielek, Lee Holcomb, Tom Perkins, Brad Carothers, Camren Maierle, Isabel Richards

Meeting called to order 4/24/25 7:00 PM EST.

Tom moved to accept meeting minutes from the March meeting.

Kathy seconded the motion.

### **Financial/Treasurer Report**

A financial summary has been sent to the BOD with expenses. New membership transactions have been processed and the first symposium registration has been received.

Brad moved to accept the financials report.

Kathy seconded the motion.

### **New Business**

The symposium venue in Elizabethtown KY requires a deposit by May 15<sup>th</sup> to lock in the event location. Lee will confirm the email from Robert and provide payment details.

Volunteer interest is still being collected through the membership application. Lee would like to ensure they are being contacted by the appropriate committee chair to join a committee in a timely fashion to make sure they have an opportunity to volunteer. Camren has sent emails out to potential volunteers for the communications committee and forwarded the responses of those interested to Kathy. Chris has emailed the interested individuals for the sale and symposium committee though the committee has very few spots open for new volunteers. With new volunteers, it is the responsibility of the committee chair to screen the interested individuals for current EAPK membership. The committee chair will then present the suggestions to the BOD for approval.

Kathy moved to add Judy Sheridan to the communications committee.

Tom seconded the motion.

Kathy requested a symposium overview and call for symposium volunteers to be submitted for the newsletter. Chris agrees that volunteers will be needed for all of the tasks that come along with hosting an educational event.

Brad moved to add Jarrod Creasy to the symposium committee.



Isabell seconded the motion.

The KREG funding is being pursued, and Lee has not heard back from KHSI

Lee is still investigating the cloud storage options for EAPK

The BOD discussed using the Google cloud system and possibly switching the AV components to Google Meet. After discussion the BOD agreed to continue using Zoom for webinars due to the low cost and ease of use.

EAPK is still in need of BOD nominations. Leanne Reed has expressed interest in running for the board and will submit a bio and headshot by the deadline. Lee has reached out to other potential candidates and shared the process for application. June 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the BOD application/nominations.

The BOD discussed adding the first honorary member to an individual that has contributed to the breed. The board hopes to have the recipient in person at the symposium and present the award. The BOD approved paying travel expenses for the recipient to the 2025 symposium.

The BOD approved paying \$200 for symposium advertisement on Google. Tom will work with Robert to get the ads published.

Tom moved to spend \$200 on advertising for symposium.

Camren seconded the motion.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Educational and Outreach:**

Publication Subcommittee: Regular blog posts have been published and the focus will be ram selection leading up to symposium. The newsletter will be published in late May. The committee has added a new committee member, Judy Sheridan.

AV: Webinars are continuing to be planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Webinars are planned for May and June with confirmed speakers, focusing on ram selection and marketing.

#### **Symposium and Sale Committee:**

Symposium: The committee is finalizing the details for symposium. As a reminder the hotels fill up quickly.

Sale Committee: The sale committee will meet in May.

Website and Social Media: Funding for the targeted ads has been approved and will be pursued.



**Specialty Liaison:**

Tom is the KHSI, NSIP, MOUSE BOD representative.

The ram buyers guide has been completed.

The May BOD meeting will be May 27th at 7PM

Tom moved to adjourn at 8:02 PM

Adjourned at 8:15 PM EST.

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by Camren Maierle, EAPK Secretary