

# Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

## Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes, July 24, 2023

Present: Brad Carothers, Robert Walker, Lisa Weeks, Roxanne Newton, Lee Holcomb, Isabel Richards and Kathy Bielek.

Brad called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM EST.

### New Business

- Brad welcomed new BOD members Lee Holcomb and Isabel Richards.
- New officer elections were held. Brad accepted the nomination. Roxanne nominated Brad for president. Brad accepted the nomination, Kathy seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor of his nomination. Roxanne nominated Kathy for **vice president**. She accepted, Isabel seconded the nomination and the vote was unanimous in favor. Kathy then gave a description of the work involved in the secretary position. Lee volunteered and Rox nominated him for **secretary**. Robert seconded the nomination and the vote was unanimous in favor. Roxanne gave a description of the work involved in the treasurer position. Isabel volunteered and Robert nominated her for **treasurer**. Roxanne seconded the nomination and the vote was unanimous in favor.
- Brad has been asked to give an update on EAPK at the Expo but won't be there. Lisa agreed to do the presentation in his place.

### Old Business

- **Meeting Minutes June Board Meeting.** Lisa moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Roxanne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Commission and entry fees from sale** – Brad talked to Erin Willoughby who handles accounting for Willoughby Livestock. There had been questions on how to handle scratched entries. The sale rules state that scratched entries would be charged a \$25/lot entry fee. Ron Young, who had three entries scratched, doesn't feel he should have to pay since his being scratched wasn't voluntary. The BOD agreed that not following the rules of sale made it voluntary and that we need to be consistent across the board. The BOD agreed that \$75 should be deducted from the check he receives from his other sales. Brad will follow up with Willoughby.

### Committee Reports:

#### Communications Committee – Kathy, Roxanne

- Roxanne reported that the committee is working on new blogs. The summer newsletter went out in early June to promote the Symposium. The next newsletter will be in early/mid-September. Topics for future blogs were discussed. Grazing and grass management were topics mentioned on the Symposium evaluations. Lisa suggested separating into quadrants and asking a member to write about their experiences with grazing and management in their area. Isabel suggested general information on fencing or getting water to your animals, especially important for new producers. A blog listing resources was also suggested. Robert volunteered to do a blog on marketing. Isabel is working on blogs on minerals and meningeal worm. Lee just finished the second year of his grazing study. Once he gets the FEC results and Andrew's analysis, he will do a follow-up blog summarizing the project.

#### Education and Outreach Committee – Cam

- Brad (board rep) asked if anyone would like to replace him as the Board Rep on that committee. Robert volunteered. Brad reported that the June monthly open forum focused on the EAPK symposium. The call went well with the typical 18-20 participants. The forum discussion was very consistent with the written evaluations. Teaching people how to do blood draws was suggested as a topic for next year. Brad will type up the suggestions and send to the BOD next month.

#### **Symposium & KREG Committee - Katie**

- Lisa volunteered to be the Board Rep on the committee to replace Brad.
- Lisa reported that five people who preregistered didn't show up and there were about five walk-ins. Close to 100 people attended. Penned animal fees – Roxanne and Silas paid, not sure about Zach. Brad will deposit all the cash received from symposium and make a withdrawal for petty cash, if needed, before the next symposium.
- The location of the next symposium will be discussed next month. Evaluations showed that some were in favor of keeping it at Morehead, but some said further west, north or south. Becky at Willoughby will compile a list of where our buyers are located. Lee Wright has offered to be "boots on the ground" if we go back to Abingdon.

#### **Sale Committee – Brad**

- Brad reported that the sale went well this year even though Becky was absent on sale day. All lots have been paid for and checks are going out to consigners. The sale committee will meet with consigners soon to go over the sale and proposed rule changes for next year. Lee Wright will stay on the committee even though he's no longer on the BOD. Brad will have a full report for next meeting.

#### **Website and Social Media Committee – Robert**

- Robert reported that the website committee has pretty much stabilized. He updated the new BOD on the website during the meeting.
- Robert would like to add a historical sales report to the website to show year to year results, similar to what KHSI used to do and use it in an email blast before the next sale.

#### **NSIP and Genetics Committee - Tom**

- Brad reached out to Tom to see if he wants to continue to chair the committee but hasn't heard back. We currently have an EAPK liaison on the KHSI NSIP committee and a rep on the sheep GEMS advisory board which has been Brad. Robert is the hair sheep rep for NSIP and volunteered to be the Board rep for the EAPK committee.

It was agreed that future meetings will be the fourth Monday at 7:00 EST.

Lee moved to adjourn the meeting; Roxanne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

**Next meeting will be August 28th at 7:00pm EST.**

Respectfully submitted  
Kathy Bielek