

November 27th, 2023 EAPK Board Meeting

Brad Carothers called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Meeting Minutes for October meeting were discussed. Kathy Bielek motioned, and Roxanne Newton seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

KREG Committee – Robert corresponded with Cindy DeOrnellis with KHSI and said no changes were needed and the KREG has worked well as intended. Essentially leave it as is was the recommendation.

Lee discussed the membership spreadsheet. Function of how to capture the new members and follow procedures from past Secretary Kathy Bielek.

Communications

Communication Committee – Couple of blogs have been shared and at least one more is set to be sent out soon. Always looking for more topics from membership and get with Kathy if you run across anyone willing to share. Trying to come up with a way to index the topics shared in newsletters, blogs, etc. and have an easier way to sort to make it more user friendly for website visitors.

Education & Outreach Committee – Robert discussed beginning forums with topics decided ahead of time versus ad lib discussion. Discussion was had about potentially starting with blog posts if content creators were willing to attend and share their expertise.

Symposium Committee – Lisa discussed that progress is being made on symposium topics. More hands-on type presentations were discussed versus more traditional classroom activities.

Sale Committee – Working on 2025 payment deposit for July 11-12th 2025 symposium in Kentucky. Robert is working with appropriate person(s) on deposit amount and payment.

Website – Robert updated membership directory page on website. Added search bar as well. Robert discussed Google Sheets being considered as a tool later on and that way it could be updated in real time as opposed to delayed response of Excel spreadsheets. Robert updated Board Member info on the website as requested last Board meeting as well. Board members commended Robert on his website updates.

NSIP Committee – Tom Hodgeman will send out an email to establish goals, etc for the committee.

Other Business - Brad mentioned that Appalachian Grazing Conference in Morgantown, WV happening in March 2024. Tom Perkins shared the info with Brad and thought it would be a good event to showcase EAPK information. Tom Perkins agreed to man the table at the grazing event for EAPK. Robert Walker motioned EAPK to sponsor the grazing conference at \$400 level. Kathy Bielek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Month's Board Meeting needs to be rescheduled due to date. Wednesday, December 27th, 2023 will be the next meeting date.

Roxanne motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm having no new business to discuss. Kathy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Holcomb, EAPK Secretary