

February 26th, 2024 Board Meeting

Members present: Lisa Weeks, Brad Carothers, Kathy Bielek, Roxanne Newton, Isabel Richards, Lee Holcomb

Brad Carothers called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Old Business

January minutes were submitted by Lee Holcomb. Isabel motioned to approve, and Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Committees meeting was held and communication and educational outreach committees would be combined. New name will be Educational Outreach committee with two subcommittees: Publications and Audio Visual. Publication subcommittee will be chaired by Roxanne and Kathy. Audio Visual would be chaired by Camren Mairle and Robert Walker is the EAPK BOD rep on this subcommittee. Discussed role of NSIP and Genetics committee. These two committees were more like a specialty liaison type committee and less action related. These committees would update EAPK BOD and members when necessary on upcoming NSIP or Genetics updates.

New Business

Ad Space in the Katahdin Hairald – Discussion was had about when to advertise EAPK events, etc. Spring and Summer submissions were agreed upon so we could advertise the Annual Symposium. Spring issue will contain historical sale information and then it was discussed to include speakers lined up for the symposium.

Officer Elections – Brad discussed having current officers list their current roles and descriptions so we can be prepared to have new BOD members better prepared when they join the Board. We have a staggered Board Member terms. This year three members will come off the Board and those three spots will be up for Election. Lisa Weeks, Roxanne Newton, and Robert Walker agreed to go off the Board in 2024. Several names were mentioned as potential candidates for the Board. Brad delegated who would try to contact mentioned names. Brad also mentioned cross referencing who has been a member the past two years.

Communication Committee – Roxanne mentioned they are working on a March newsletter. A couple of blogs are soon to be posted.

Education & Outreach Committee – No new news

Symposium Committee – All of the speakers are lined up for EAPK Symposium in July. Working on hotel blocks and food accommodations.

Sale Committee – Meeting was held last week to discuss the January BOD topics of discussion. Decision was made to show conformation visual demonstrations to assist with both buyers and sellers versus doing the sifting committee before the sale. Lee Wright mentioned that we could utilize the VA Tech SWARE Sale Catalog visuals and writing for our EAPK Sale conformation write-up. June 26th is the deadline for consignment. B-Ovis test is required before the sale begins.

Website Committee – Robert mentioned that he has webinar link fixed for this weeks webinar.

Brad entertained a motion to adjourn. Robert made a motion, and Roxanne seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Next meeting is March 25th.

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by Lee Holcomb, EAPK Secretary