

Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

1/26/2022

Present: Brad Carothers, Lisa Weeks, Robert Walker, Roxanne Newton and Kathy Bielek.

Brad called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm EST.

Old Business:

- Lisa moved that the minutes from the December BOD meeting be accepted as submitted. Robert seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Membership List

- Robert reported that there is no way to automatically assign a membership number.
- It was agreed to remove people from the list if they had not renewed by the end of January.
- Robert will send a reminder email blast before the end of the month.
- Roxanne reported that she is now getting the membership registration information in addition to the Paypal report, making it much easier to monitor.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee

- Roxanne reported that several new blogs are in the pipeline for the next couple months.
- The committee is working on a new project – a NSIP producer forum

Mentorship Committee

- Isabel Richards was added to the committee.
- The group discussed combining or expanding the mentorship committee to include various forms of education, including webinars, open discussion forums, mentorship, etc.
- The group agreed to create an **Education and Outreach Committee** to encompass mentorship, webinars, and open discussion forums. Lisa moved and Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Symposium & KREG Committees

- Brad reported that the committee met recently.
- Two field days are planned for 2022. One will be in October at Tom Perkins' farm in PA and will include NRCS and Penn State Extension and cover grazing among other things.
- The second field day will be June 11th in NC and Andrew Weaver with NC State will co-host the event.
- Brad reported the committee is working on speakers for the symposium and will have more information at the next meeting.

Sale Committee

- Brad reported that the Sale Committee met on January 24th.
- Brad reviewed with the committee issues from last year and discussed the sale format.
- They are reaching out to three companies: Willoughby, Production Livestock and Integrity. The committee would like to ensure the sale company understands our format, with animals leaving the same day. Ideally having someone from the sale company present to oversee the sale is preferred.
- Production Livestock is a company owned by Zach Meinders. He will be handling the NSIP Center of the Nation sale this year, and will submit a quote for the Symposium as well. There was discussion on whether there was a conflict of interest with Zach if he also consigned sheep in the sale.
- The Sale Committee plans to reach out to several sale companies to get quotes.

Website & Social Media Committee

- Robert reported that he updated the home page on the EAPK website today and everyone agreed it was an improvement.

Tech/FEC Ad Hoc Committee

- Since Tom was not present on the call, no report was given.

Robert motioned to adjourn the meeting; Roxanne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

The next meeting will be February 23rd at 7:00 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Bielek