

January 22nd, 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 7:00pm.

December minutes were submitted by Kathy Bielek on behalf of Lee Holcomb. Isabel motioned to approve, and Roxanne seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion began between BOD members about committees and where/what direction are the future of the committees. EAPK is still young in its development as an association and the discussion was held about some overlap in committees. Future committee meetings will be had to focus on what is the goals of the committees. Any final decisions about committee structure/grouping would wait until all BOD members were present for full discussion and recommendations from each committee meetings.

Communication Committee – Roxanne mentioned the two to three blogs that have been posted since last BOD meeting. Committee members met in January 2024 to discuss future plans for topics, member engagement, etc.

Education & Outreach Committee – Webinar topics and speakers will be more structured moving forward. In the last open forum discussion topics were discussed of what would be of interest to producers

Symposium Committee – Meeting held in December. Agenda topics were discussed that are being investigated for the symposium. Two tracks of varying knowledge will be offered to meet different producers needs. Looking for volunteers to help set up hotel blocks. Next meeting is in February to continue solidifying the agenda and speakers.

Sale Committee – Brad has attached some edits to the sale rules to be discussed. Discussion was had on the edits and change from last year to this coming 2024 Sale. Further discussion will be had by the committee and feedback brought back to the EAPK BOD.

Website Committee – Kathy mentioned the updates Robert made to the website in his absence.

NSIP & Genetics Committee – New fee structure was discussed that will be happening for 2024 with NSIP fees.

Brad entertained a motion to adjourn. Lisa made a motion, and Kathy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Next meeting is February 26th, 2024.

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by Lee Holcomb, EAPK Secretary