

Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2022

Present: Brad Carothers, Lisa Weeks, Robert Walker, Tom Hodgman, Roxanne Newton, Lee Wright and Kathy Bielek

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

Old Business

- **Meeting Minutes June Board Meeting.** Lee moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Brad seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee – Kathy, Roxanne –

- Roxanne reported that the next newsletter will be September. A new blog is expected to be posted soon and several others are in the works. Kathy is tabulating results of an educational survey done at the Symposium.

Education and Outreach Committee – Brad

- Brad reported that there was good discussion on the last EAPK forum call, including flushing, supplementing on pasture, etc. Camren Maierie joined the call. Camren is a new Extension educator in PA and has his own flock of Katahdins. He wants to get more involved in EAPK. Brad nominated him to chair the Education & Outreach Committee. The Board approved unanimously. Rox asked if Robert could send a reminder for the forum each month and he will try.

Symposium & KREG Committee - Brad

- **Field Days** – The next field day which will be Oct 15th was announced at symposium. It will be held at Big Tom's in Fombell, PA. There is still planning to be done. Hopefully that will be wrapped up in next couple weeks.
- **Symposium** – All agreed the Symposium was a great success. Kathy is working on tabulating results of the educational survey. An evaluation was not done and there was brief discussion about sending an email blast to attendees with an evaluation like we did last year. It was agreed that the evaluation last year didn't give us any new information (all the responses were good and excellent), so it was agreed not to pursue. The Symposium committee will get back together after the Expo to decide the location for next year and bring suggestions back to BOD. Roxanne said she had received a refund on the deposit for the facility rental and mailed it to Brad.
- **KREG Grant** - The KREG grant report has been sent, and final payment received and deposited for the Field Day. Brad reported that he has received the first half of payment for the Symposium grant. We need to submit a report to receive final payment. Brad will work with Rox and Kathy. He will also put in another application for the October field day.

Sale Committee – Brad

- Brad said he hasn't received the commission check yet for the sale. He was told all consignors have been paid. He expects to get a commission check for about \$2100 plus approximately

\$1200 to \$1300 in lot fees. Becky emailed the analytics. Last year total ewe sales were \$15,709 with the average being \$924 each. In 2022 total ewe sales were \$42,000 with an average of \$1681 each. The total ram sales in 2021 was \$23,800 with an average of \$1038. In 2022 total ram sales were \$30,000 with an average of \$940. Last year there were just shy of 10,000 clicks on the sale; this year there were 21,000 clicks.

Rox suggested a deadline for people to enter EBVs. Some did not link to official EBVs – producers had more current EBVs than were posted on NSIP website. We need to make sure consignors are aware that EBVs can/will change with each run. Rusty updates the database once a month, after the 15th, and individual data updates every two weeks. Robert suggested adding the date of last submission to the Willoughby form. All agreed. It was suggested to add a note at top of the Willoughby site explaining why EBVs may be different on the sale form than the ones on the NSIP website.

Rox mentioned that someone had suggested that animals over six months old should be tested for OPP/CL/Johnnes. There was general discussion, and it was agreed that the discussion should start at committee level.

Website and Social Media Committee – Robert

- Nothing new to report. Brad mentioned that the committees page needs to be updated.

Fecal Egg Count Ad Hoc Committee- Tom

- Nothing to report

Sheep GEMS - Tom

- A webinar was held last night and Dr. Lewis talked about different requirements for the project. He would like data from 2022 to be turned in before rams are turned in this fall. A second webinar will be scheduled in mid-August. Dr. Lewis will circulate an updated spreadsheet with minor title changes.

Robert motioned to adjourn the meeting; Roxanne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Next meeting August 24th at 7:00pm EST.