

# Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

## Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2022

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

Brad called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM EST.

### Old Business

- **Meeting Minutes May Board Meeting.** Roxanne moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Lisa seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- The EAPK list serve is being used to promote online sales. EAPK members can use the list serve for a personal sale they are hosting or participating in once per sale. For sales that include multiple EAPK members, one blast will be allowed to promote the entire sale, not one blast per member.

### Committee Reports:

#### Communications Committee – Kathy, Roxanne –

- Roxanne reported that the newsletter was sent out last week.

#### Education and Outreach Committee – Brad

- Brad reported that most of the conversation on the last EAPK forum call centered around the new Index. Dr. Lewis was on the call so was able to answer questions. There were not as many participants as in the past, but attendance was still good.

#### Symposium & KREG Committee - Brad

- **Field Days** - The field day with NC State was very successful, with 74-76 people attending. Lisa, Brad and Robert were there, along with 6-8 existing EAPK members. The rest were new people, mostly throughout NC. We succeeded in reaching a new audience than we usually reach. Lisa reported there were good and interesting topics.
- **Symposium** – Information on the symposium is up on the website now. Roxanne reported that registration numbers are down from last year, but we're still several weeks out. Rox asked if Andrew could send an email blast out to his list like Lee did last year. Lee said he would send another blast this year. Robert has developed an ad and will share that with Lee and Andrew for their email blasts. Brad reported that the handouts and displays are done; the caterer has been booked; and everything should be ready. Lisa volunteered to help at the registration desk. There will be an informal social time on Friday night where people can meet.
- **KREG Grant** - Brad submitted the field day report to Alan last night. The report will be in the next Hairald. He also submitted a new KREG grant application for the Symposium. It should be reviewed at the next KHSI BOD meeting tomorrow.

#### Sale Committee – Brad

- A couple changes to the Willoughby website were made this week. A Katahdin-specific template has been developed within Willoughby's sheep sales. Becky prepared a tutorial video on how to input animals. There are 37 lots so far. Not all the information has been input yet, but the

deadline to sign up isn't until June 24<sup>th</sup> (two more days). July 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for substitutions. The content can be tweaked until sale day. Rox suggested sending a reminder to everyone tomorrow. Robert will send a blast only to members stating that the commitment deadline for consigning is 6/24. Lee and Fletchers still need to get their entries submitted. It was suggested that we may want to have a food truck for Saturday evening so people won't have to leave to get dinner. Robert will have the key to the gate and can let people in on Friday whenever they arrive after 3:00 pm. People need to bring their own shavings for bedding – no straw. Brad will send an email to all consignors with specific instructions to bring their own bedding, feed, buckets, etc. The week before the event he will send an email blast to members only asking them to let us know if they need transfer pens.

**Website and Social Media Committee – Robert** Nothing to report

**Fecal Egg Count Ad Hoc Committee- Tom** Nothing to report

**Sheep GEMS - Tom**

- Nothing to report. Activity will likely pick up later in the summer, closer to fall breeding. Dr. Lewis will likely do another Zoom call. The revised Index is the biggest change. The new Index is much stronger than the original model.

Robert motioned to adjourn the meeting; Lisa seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

**Next meeting July 27<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm EST.**