

March 25th – March EAPK Board of Directors Meeting

Members present: Kathy Bielek, Chris Fletcher, Lee Holcomb, Tom Perkins, Camren Maierle

Meeting Called to order 3/25/24 7:00 PM EST.

Tom moved to accept meeting minutes from the February meeting.

Camren seconded the motion.

Financial/Treasurer Report

A financial summary has been sent to the BOD with expenses. New membership transactions have been processed and deposits for symposium food have been paid.

Kathy moved to accept the financials report.

Chris seconded the motion.

New Business

Volunteer submissions have been shared by Lee with the committee chairs. Chairs should reach out to volunteers to gauge interest in volunteering and what role will fit for the individual. If the email is not captured in the volunteer submission, chairs will get the information from the EAPK membership list on the website. The chairs will need to verify the volunteers are members of EAPK, though it has been assumed because the volunteer form has been tied to the membership enrollment in 2025. Once volunteers have been contacted, the president should be informed so that there is a level of accountability. The membership directory is in the process of being fully updated from 2024 to 2025 active members. If volunteers become members of a committee, we will inform Robert so he can update the website.

Suggested edits to the SOP have been received. Storage of historical documents and records needs to be decided. Lee is getting a quote from Dropbox for non-profit organizations. The SOP will be placed on the website for members to view.

The KREG funding has a more stringent timeline this year and Isabel is ensuring we record expenses in a timely manner to receive reimbursement rapidly.

Lee has challenged the BOD with identifying the value of being a member of EAPK. The BOD will report their opinions during the April BOD meeting.

Lee called for a motion to approve the SOP

Chris moved to accept the SOP



Cam seconded the motion

Lee would like to see additional candidates for the BOD election held this summer. A call for candidates was put into the newsletter. An Email blast and social media post will be published to notify membership about the upcoming election. Cam suggested sending an email blast in April, May, and June to get as many candidates as we can to pick from.

Committee Reports

Educational and Outreach:

Publication Subcommittee: The newsletter has been sent out. Articles are being written and disseminated; there has been significant interest from new authors to write EAPK content.

AV: Webinars are continuing to be planned for the 4th Wednesday of the month. Emails blasts and social media reminders need to be planned for the webinars. The 2nd quarter webinars will focus on genetic selection.

Symposium and Sale Committee:

Symposium: The committee did not meet in March. Speakers and hotels are confirmed. The Friday evening venue is confirmed. As a reminder the hotels fill up quickly.

Sale Committee: The sale committee has not met.

Website and Social Media: Robert is exploring the pricing details for google ads focused on the symposium registration.

Specialty Liaison:

Tom is the KHSI, NSIP, MOUSE BOD representative.

The ram buyers guide has been completed.

The February BOD meeting will be April 22nd at 7PM

Tom moved to adjourn at 8:02 PM

Adjourned at 8:02 PM EST.

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by Camren Maierle, EAPK Secretary