

Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes, May 25, 2022

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

Brad called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM EST.

Old Business

- **Meeting Minutes March Board Meeting.**
- Lisa moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Roxanne seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee – Kathy, Roxanne –

- Roxanne reported that they have started working on the summer newsletter, with publication planned for middle of June. Andrew will have his student, Nichole, write his article this time, and he will write a report on the June field day for the fall newsletter. If he can get it us the report in time, it will be included in the summer newsletter.

Education and Outreach Committee – Brad

- Brad reported that the last open forum was well attended and went well. There is nothing new to report on the webinar series. Since there is so much going on in the summer, we may want to put it off until fall.

Symposium & KREG Committee - Brad

- **Field Days -**
- Robert is working on designing banners. He would like to get them ordered tomorrow, so if anyone has any suggestions, please let him know tonight.
- **Symposium**
- Roxanne reported that one person has already registered for the symposium. The price on website hadn't been updated from last year. Robert has disabled the registration feature on the website so no one else can register yet. After lengthy discussion, everyone agreed it would be ideal if we could keep the price the same as last year (\$35 for early bird registration or \$45 at the door), but we can't make that decision until we have a better quote from the caterer. Robert will check again with the caterer. If meals stay the same or less than last year, registration prices will be kept the same as last year. Robert will just post those prices on the website. If the caterer's quote is higher, an email will be sent to the BOD so everyone can approve a price increase.
- **KREG Grant**

- Brad reported that we can submit multiple KREG grant proposals. The KHSI BOD needs to approve each proposal, so it needs to be submitted before the KHSI BOD meeting that month.
- A KREG grant was submitted and approved by KHSI last week for the June field day to cover displays and promotional materials and advertising. Brad is working on a second submission which will include the symposium as well as October field day if we have enough details.

Sale Committee – Brad

- Brad still needs to get the sale details with requirements to Willoughby this week so people can start consigning. The sale has been posted on Willoughby site, but is not yet included on the list of upcoming events. Brad will check with Becky tomorrow. Willoughby will provide a template. He reported that nothing has changed since last year except that payment will be through credit card or e-check. Brad will add the stipulation that universities and institutions can get prior approval through Becky at Willoughby to pay by check.

Website and Social Media Committee – Robert

- There was lengthy discussion on how notification of sales would be handled. Brad shared that in the past we've approved using the EAPK list serve for individual EAPK members enrolled in NSIP to promote their private sales of production Katahdins. Concern was expressed that promoting sales with EAPK members and nonmembers could steer people away from the EAPK sale. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the discussion would continue via email so that everyone could see in writing what was being proposed. It was agreed that advertising through email blasts should be considered a member benefit. The last thing discussed was that if EAPK members hold a private sale they could use an EAPK email blast to advertise. If an institution (such as Morehead or Va Tech) joined EAPK, they could use an EAPK email blast for any of their sales as a member benefit. Sales that include EAPK members and nonmembers (such as KHSI, Va Tech, etc.) can use an email blast as long as the EAPK member requests it. Anyone writing articles for the EAPK newsletter (such as Andrew or Lee) should be able to add links to their sales in the newsletter, but will not be eligible for an email blast unless they are also an EAPK member.

Fecal Egg Count Ad Hoc Committee- Tom Nothing to report

Sheep GEMS - Tom

- Tom reported that the hair coat shedding pilot study is underway. Tom has submitted his personal flock information to Ron but hasn't heard back yet. Dr. Lewis is waiting to get data from flocks on weaning weights, etc. Tom will check to see if Dr. Lewis wants the same spreadsheet added to over all three years, or if he prefers a separate spreadsheet each year.
- Jim, Andrew and Tom have been working on horns/scurs/polled determination. Andrew is taking the lead and Jim is coordinating. It is expected to be similar to what Joan Burke had, but include a more rigorous way of categorizing horn/polled status. There is talk of a pilot project this year, but Tom wasn't sure if it will be a limited number of flocks or all flocks.

Roxanne asked the status on taxes and Brad reported that they have been filed.

Robert asked if EAPK would like to sponsor the ice cream truck at the KHSI Expo. Lisa suggested it would be nice if we have the money. Robert will check on cost and report back.

Robert motioned to adjourn the meeting; Lee seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Next meeting June 22nd 7:00pm EST.