

Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes, November 30, 2022

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

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

Old Business

- **Meeting Minutes October Board Meeting.** Lisa moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Robert seconded.

New Business

- Voting system for next year – The BOD and any changes to the bylaws, including membership levels, will need to be voted on at the annual meeting. We are required to provide written notice of the annual meeting at least 120 days before the meeting takes place. The Bylaws are posted on the EAPK website and an email was sent last week to all members, so that is covered. We need to let people know 60 days in advance what is being voted on. In addition to the two BOD positions, potential changes to the bylaws were discussed, including membership levels and the in-person-only voting requirement. Bylaws Article 3 Section A states that: "Members may only vote in person at a meeting. In the event an annual meeting cannot be held the BOD reserves the right to alter the voting process to email or online voting." Lisa cautioned that we need to think out all possibilities and make sure we have mechanisms in place for control before we make changes to the bylaws. Brad suggested further discussion at the 2023 meeting to increase participation of membership.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee – Kathy, Roxanne

- Roxanne reported that a new blog was posted two weeks ago. The committee is working on the winter newsletter; it should be out Dec 15th. There are several blogs in the works. Kathy shared that the group is considering working with the universities with Katahdin flocks for the next producer forum. Brad suggested adding Joan Burke to the university forum.

Education and Outreach Committee – Brad

- Brad reported that the majority of the discussion on the open forum this month was centered around Etienne's program and tools that will be going away at end of year. Etienne was on the call and shared some behind the scenes tools and functions of program. Robert said Etienne didn't realize how many people used program, which is fairly complicated. The possibility of a membership fee was discussed on the call.

Symposium & KREG Committee - Brad

- **Symposium** – Brad shared that an email blast announcement was sent recently with the date and location of the 2023 symposium. Rox mentioned the need to include the announcement on the EAPK website. Robert will post a save-the-date notice.
- **Sale Committee – Brad**
 - Nothing to report.

Website and Social Media Committee – Robert

- Robert reported that he has made changes to header on the website. Kathy requested that the fact sheets page be added to the drop-down menu on the Education tab. Roxanne requested that the number of views be added back to the blog pages.

NSIP Committee - Tom

- Tom shared that 11 of 26 Katahdin flocks have submitted data so far. Tom has offered to help some of those who have not submitted yet and is currently working with a couple of flocks. About half of all flocks (including other breeds) have submitted their data.
- The genomic conditions reporting is, in Ron's words, "project nearing completion." Nearly 10,000 genotypes are being processed for the new reporting. Hopefully by the first of the year we should have more detailed reports.
- Dan (KHSI NSIP committee) is still working on forms for reimbursement to participating flocks.
- Brad reported that Rusty is getting enough samples that he is submitting genotypes each month now. Hopes are that results will be coming faster in the future.

Lisa moved to adjourn; Roxanne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting December 21th at 7:00pm EST.