

Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

10/27/21

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

Old Business: Minutes from the September EAPK BOD meeting were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Communications - Roxanne Newton reported that the communications committee (Roxanne Newton, Kathy Bielek, Isabel Richards, Beckie Hotz and Allison Rudd) met recently to discuss topics for the winter and spring newsletters. All of the members volunteered to help with writing and topics were assigned.

Mentorship- Nothing new to report

Sale & Symposium Committees - It was suggested that we consider holding field days in the more distant locations, such as Wooster OH, Lexington KY, and Pittsburgh PA. Other locations suggested were northern PA and NC. That would allow us to gauge the level of interest before committing to holding the sale and symposium at those locations. The Kreg grant could be used to fund the field days, since there is no limit on the number of events.

The pros and cons of the top three venues for the 2022 sale and symposium were discussed: Abingdon VA, Fisherville VA, and Murfreesboro TN. During the discussion Robert Walker suggested a fourth option: the Ron Ramsey Ag Center in Bluntville, TN. The facility is located off I81 near the Tri City airport, 45-60 minutes from Abingdon. There is a local Extension person who could assist with setup. There are several hotels close by. The cost is \$600 for the full conference room and the facility is available on July 9th, 2022. The BOD agreed the next sale and symposium will be at the Bluntville facility. Robert will reserve the facility and arrange for a block of hotel rooms.

Website - Robert reported that the counter had been added back to the blog page as requested. He also reported that he had received 25-30 photos in response to the email blast.

Tech/FEC – Tom reported that the ad hoc committee (Tom Hodgman, Lia Weeks, Roxanne Newton, Joan Burke, Brad Carothers and Kathy Bielek) met for the first time yesterday. The goal is to develop comprehensive guidelines for FECs and how to get the most out of FEC data. The deadline the group agreed to is March 1, 2022. This document could be used as an outline for other breeds in NSIP.

Lisa motioned to adjourn the meeting; Roxanne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM

Because of Brad's change in work schedule, the next two meetings will continue to be held on our regular meeting date but at noon instead of 7:00. The next meeting is November 24th at 12:00 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Bielek