

Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

9/22/21

Present: Brad Carothers, Tom Hodgman, Robert Walker, Lee Wright, Roxanne Newton. Lisa Weeks and Kathy Bielek joined after meeting got underway.

Old Business: Minutes from July and August EAPK BOD meeting were approved unanimously.

New Business: President Brad Carothers stated that his work schedule will change for the remainder of 2021 and we will need to schedule the next three monthly BOD meetings on weekend nights or during daytime hours. He asked that BOD members provide input on availability due to the change.

Committee Reports:

Communications- Roxanne Newton reported the recent completion of the Fall Newsletter. The committee is working with new members to plan out the Winter edition. Roxanne also questioned the cutoff when new members joining this fall are credited as 2022 memberships. Brad stated that November 1 was the cutoff date according to the by-laws.

Mentorship- Nothing new to report

Sale & Symposium Committees- Brad reported the remainder of the Kreg Grant was deposited in the bank account. Brad asked for input for the 2022 Symposium location with these possible options:

1. Rotate location each year
2. Keep in same location each year
3. Rotate to 2 or 3 different locations
4. Consider outreach to locations over the next few years which gives EAPK time to determine the geographics of membership growth and the degree of interest in membership to attend.

Brad was unsuccessful in reaching Boone KY to get information regarding their facilities. Fishersville VA is available on 7/8-9, but he had concerns with capacity. Robert reported that Lebanon TN was not available on 7/8-9 but would be available on 7/15-16. Rental fees are \$500 per day. We would need to book soon.

Brad reported that the costs for the 2021 Symposium averaged \$30/person (excluding Kreg grant funding). The BOD discussed the idea of exploring outlying locations while Kreg funding is available and since our sale is online. The Symposium committee will schedule a meeting in the next couple weeks to investigate locations and will report back to the BOD at the next meeting on its findings.

Website- Robert reported no changes to the website. Roxanne asked for the counter to be returned to the Blogs; Kathy agreed. Tom suggested we ask the membership to provide photos to be used for the website/Newsletter and for promotional purposes. An email blast vs photo contest was discussed. Kathy suggested also requesting photos via our FB page.

Tech/FEC- Tom gave a recap of Dr. Lewis's Zoom meeting last week. There will be a temporary hold on the USA Hair Index until the parameters are readjusted to the new model. He reported that Rusty

received 233 samples from 15 flocks for the September 15th batch date deadline, resulting in approximately 2100 samples this year. Tom noted that not all were Katahdins – some were from research flocks and some were Polypays, but the majority were Katahdins. Dr. Lewis recently received a large grant to look at climate change and complex phenotypic traits, such as udder health, hoof health, etc.

Tom also reported on the FEC Ad Hoc committee. He has started to put together an outline for the FEC comprehensive guideline. He would like to pull the committee together the 2nd week of October. He will contact Joan Burke and send out meeting information.

Lisa motioned to adjourn the meeting; Roxanne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Because of Brad's change in work schedule, the next three meetings will be held on our regular meeting date but at noon instead of 7:00. The next meeting is October 27th at 12:00 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted

Roxanne Newton and Kathy Bielek