

US Yaks March Board Meeting Agenda

Sunday, March 3rd 7pm Mountain Time

Agenda:

- I. Greetings and attendance (Board and non-Board members)
- II. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes -Tim Hardy
- III. Financial update: -Ruth Higdon
- IV. Registration update: -Ruth Higdon
- V. Membership update: -Ruth Higdon
- VI. Data base update: - Robert Cissell
- VII. Certificate Revision: -Tim Hardy (Shall the mtDNA portion of the Certificate and Record of Registration be revised so that mtDNA is reported as “yak” or “unknown”.
- VIII. Proposal: Tim and Peter will draft a plan for funding and organizational infrastructure so that USYAKS members can participate fairly in the Tibetan semen program.

Workgroup Status Reports

- YAK HOTLINE – Email/blurb/ on HOME PAGE (**RICK will design YAK HOTLINE, GRANT will embed YAK HOTLINE at home page, and GREG will send follow up card to question askers.**)
 - **DEADLINE: Rick will have design for March BOD call.**
 - OUTREACH to new USYAKS members welcoming them – “welcome email” from membership working group (**GREG will write and send**) and a phone call from USYAKS BOD (**ERIN will call/lead**) – to the USYAKS community.
 - USYAKS membership packet (**RICK will design packet with links to be sent via email by ERIN; GRANT will send certificates via USPO**).
 - INVITE new members to share their new member profiles on our USYAKS membership page, so USYAKS can promote. (**BRAD and RUTH will design new member profile form**)
 - **DEADLINE: BRAD and RUTH design new member profile form for February 2019 BOD call.**
 - “Yakspo” @ NWSS 2020: (**GRANT, RUTH + TIM will lead/co-shepherd planning group – ask others**)
1. Improve genetic test: GeneSeek: mtDNA test expansion, nose color genetics, additional SNPs, new CHIP possibly with bison to reduce errors. (**TIM will lead**)
 2. Trace mineral serum study – **NEED BREEDERS LIST FROM WILD APRICOT before we can divide up list**
 3. Nutrition needs and weight growth/gain study as function of forage;
DEADLINE: GREG will have update for BOD - March 2019 call.
 4. Nutrition and Fiber – AND - Multi-Year Fiber Quality Study (new info?)
 5. Yakspo power point genetics talks (Tim and Peter). **Rick will advise on curriculum layout progress.**
 6. Practical implications of yak genetic data (USYAKS PR) (**TIM or Rick will update status of Tim and Peter’s ppt Yakspo presentations.**)
 7. **Note: Add “ADDRESSING PUBLIC MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT YAK GENETICS” to USYAKS COMM mix. Tim will update**
 8. “Match A Yak” program update– (**TIM will lead**)

- 1) Educational videos, yak curriculum, and a new members-only LMS (**RICK + ERIN will lead**)
DEADLINE: Working with ERIN, RICK will have an update for BOD re: videos by March 2019
- 2) YAK BUSINESS marketing tools (**CINDE+RICK will lead**)
DEADLINE: CINDE + RICK for March 2019 BOD call.
- 3) WEB SITE? (**GRANT + ROB will lead – re -wireframing**)
DEADLINE: GRANT will have update on new WEB SITE wire frame for March 2019 BOD.
- 4) YEAR #2 (2020)
"HOW TO" MULTIMEDIA YAK GUIDE (**GRANT + ROB will lead, with RICK**)
DEADLINE: GRANT will have update on GUIDE outline for March 2019 BOD.

VI. Other old business:

VII. Comments, suggestions, etc from membership – actions

VIII. Other new business

IX. Announcements/Thoughts/etc

X. Adjournment

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