



BOARD MINUTES

16 June, 2019

Present: Greg Dike, Ruth Higdon, Grant Pound (Director), Tim Hardy, Erin Harlacher

Absent: Brad Peterson

Visitors: Caryn DeRochie, Shannon Holder, Robert Stuplich, Rick Tunney

Hardy had questions regarding the formatting of the Board Minutes. Grant Pound had suggested that the Director of the association should be listed as a visitor to the Board meetings, and that absent Board members should be listed as absent. Discussion of the Board followed, it was decided that the Director should be listed among the Board members and parenthetically noted to be the Director. Further it was decided that Board members who are not present during Board meetings should be listed as being absent. These changes take effect with the meeting Minutes of June 16, 2019.

The May Minutes approved were approved unanimously. (Higdon, Harlacher)

The Treasurers Report was accepted unanimously: \$8651.67 in the bank, the PayPal account has about \$200.. Outstanding balance \$1,000. (Hardy, Harlacher)

Registrars Report:

There is one new member this month, this is slow period for registrations although registrations continue to trickle in. The on-line Certificates are still missing: coat color pattern, location of birth, and clickable link to SNP report. All yak registration photos have vanished from the on-line database, some yaks are still missing in the database, Jamie Sorum still has to hand enter the information from the Ted Report into the Records of Registration.

Membership database isn't started yet, to start after yak database is done.

Old Business:

Rick Tunney gave an update on YakUniversity.com. Rick has decided that Moodle is not the best learning platform and is searching for a new one. The modules of yak genetics have been started, and Rick has plans for other modules including the bottle feeding of calves. ACTION ITEM: Rick Tunney, Grant Pound, Erin Harlacher will discuss how to best put these modules on the website.

The Seagal herd was discussed again. ACTION ITEM: Erin Harlacher will email Anna Seagal to determine the time window that USYAKS has to make decisions regarding the merits of sampling further yaks.

The Board continued its discussion of the India Semen Project.

The Board will need to determine how to fund the project, and how the semen will be distributed. It was decided that the Association should continue to explore alternative sources.



It was decided that the Association needs a functioning domestic AI program, so that all procedures are well understood and functioning correctly before imported semen is used. Greg Dike will head up the domestic program. Hackett and Hardy will head up the program gathering foreign germplasm.

New Business:

Grant Pound will post a cross reference table of USYAKS members, their ranch names, and herd prefixes.

Bob Stuphich will monitor the website this month, he will look for errors, broken links, etc.
New Business:

Greg Dike will begin the planning for the NWSS. He will email members of the Association asking for volunteers.

Greg Dike reminded the Board of an idea regarding tracking animals for USYAKS certification as: "Genetically Tested USYAKS certified yak meat . This would require the tracking of all meat products by specific animal. Greg Dike will check into how this is done by other associations.