



## BOARD MINUTES

1 December 2019

Present: Carlice Cutright, Caryn DeRochie, Greg Dike, Tim Hardy, Erin Harlacher, Vance Hawk, Ruth Higdon, Grant Pound (Director)

Absent: Brad Peterson

Visitor: Sonja Cutright

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the November 17, 2019 Board meeting were unanimously approved. (Hardy, Higdon)

Ruth Higdon reported that USYAKS has paid NWSS for Rocky Mountain Yakspo at NWSS. The association now has \$8094.19 in two accounts, 504 yaks have been registered and that DNA samples are arriving in preparation for NWSS. There are now 74 members, additionally some memberships have temporarily lapsed.

The Board discussed the nature of the High Point Champion awards. The Board believes the award should represent excellence in both conformation and fiber.

With this guidance, the Board referred the question of designing a point system that will accomplish this goal back to the committee of Hawk, Cutright, and Peterson. (Hardy, Higdon, 4,0, and 2 abstentions) The Board discussed whether it was necessary to award red and yellow ribbons in the pen show. This question was also referred to the same committee.

Higdon will arrange for rooms to accommodate Terri Lindey and the fiber judges.

Harlacher will bring a white board to be used for Yakspo announcements.

The association has reserved 20 pens for Yakspo. The pens are 24x30, it is expected that three pens will need to be reserved for association administration functions.

The Board discussed the need to procure insurance for the show. Pound will check with The Ranch (in Loveland) to find the names of insurers that were used at previous Yakspo events. Hardy will check with the Bison Association to determine further insurance options. He will also check with company that writes the policy for his ranch.

The association charges \$55 for a full registration. The association has previously decided to charge \$25 to register IYAK registered yaks with acceptable DNA records, and to charge \$25 for DNA records for steers to be shown at Yakspo. The same \$25 fee will apply for DNA reports for yak steers to be marketed as full blooded yak and for DNA and parentage reports for young bulls whose future as a bull or steer remains undetermined. Future full registration of these animals will require a subsequent \$30 payment..



The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 15.

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