



BOARD MINUTES

11 August 2019

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

Absent: Erin Harlacher, Brad Peterson

Visitors: Caryn DeRochie, Robert Stuplich, Melissa Lunsford

Ruth Higdon gave a report on the database project. Current registration seems to be working, although it is advised to register each yak individually to completion including the payment page, before starting on the next yak.

The Board again discussed the prospect of tracking individual animals through the slaughter process and approving the animal as “pure yak” based on its GeneSeek DNA profile. It was determined that this project will require a lot of attention of several people, the creation of a Meat Committee was discussed.

Greg Dike provided a calendar for Rocky Mountain Yakspo at NWSS. The dates will be Thursday, January 23 through Sunday, January 26. The Pen Show will be on Friday. The Halter Show will begin at 9am on Sunday.

The idea of having a banquet in a tent on the NWSS grounds was discussed. NWSS is in a remodel process and it is not clear how our available space will be organized. Greg Dike will communicate with NWSS personnel for clarification.

Greg Dike will begin the process of determining if it makes sense to make an USYAKS reservation for a block of rooms. He will also explore the possibility of having a banquet at the hotel, if facilities are not available on the NWSS grounds. He will explore the possibilities and report to the Board.

Melissa Lunsford offered to help with the fiber exhibits and help staff the table. The current NWSS Fiber Committee consists of Grant Pound, Melissa Lunsford, and Una Taylor.

Ruth Higdon mentioned that the USYAKS website needs to be broadcasting that USYAKS is coming to NWSS – probably on the front page of the website. The USYAKS Show page also needs to be updated to indicate that we will be in Denver.

By unanimous consent, the Board decided that there would be three halter show age classes for calves, two halter show age classes for yearlings, and there will be a cow-calf pair class in the pen show. Tim Hardy is charged with seeing that the list of classes is resolved quickly and that Grant Pound is informed. Grant will make the on-line registration form for the Show.