



BOARD MINUTES

16 December 2018

Present: Grant Pound, Ruth Higdon, Tim Hardy, Greg Dike, Brad Peterson, Erin Harlacher

Visitor: Robert Stuplich

Grant Pound called the meeting to order at 7:06 Mountain Time.

Motion: The Minutes of the October and November meetings were approved. (Dike, Peterson, 5-0) **Action Item:** Cinde Moore will provide the minutes for the early August Board meeting.

The Board discussed how to handle cases where we have an USYAKS registered calf born to exclusively IYAK registered parents. Apparently, IYAK has asked Dr. Kalbfleisch to not cooperate with USYAKS in determination of parentage.

Motion (Hardy, Peterson): In cases where USYAKS does not have GeneSeek test results of candidate parents of USYAKS registered yaks, but private parties have made the GeneSeek test results available for the candidate parents, the Board approves the use of a capable third party to determine parentage using the GeneSeek test results. (Approved 5-0)

Election of 2019 officers will occur at the January meeting, and procedures were discussed. It was determined that the January 6, 2019 Board meeting would be a closed meeting, and only the selection of officers will be on the agenda. **Motion:** The Board will have a discussion regarding choice of officers at the January 6, 2019 closed Board meeting. The actual election will be accomplished by texting votes to the Director, Grant Pound.

The Board had previously discussed and approved making a working arrangement with Yakzz so that each USYAKS member will have a Yakzz account. The Board had approved linking databases provided this is not granting Yakzz _write_ access to the USYAKS database. **Action Item:** Greg Dike will talk with Robert Cissell to initiate progress in database linking. Greg may also talk with Dan Coulter.

Rob Williams has agreed to attend the February Board retreat and act as facilitator. There was some discussion regarding issuing further invitation(s).

The price of registering a yak came under discussion. Currently registration fees are \$45/registration for the first six months of a person's membership and \$55/registration after six months. This pricing structure will create some difficulties for the implementation of the new on-line registration form.

Motion (Dike, Hardy): Beginning January 1, 2019 the registration fee will be \$55 per yak. Members who joined USYAKS after July 1, 2018 will continue to pay \$45/registration until their six month window expires. Members who fit in that category will pay \$55/registration but will have \$10/registration refunded by the Association. (Approved 5-0) **Action Item:** Grant Pound will update the Membership Form and the Registration Form to reflect these changes.



Pending the inclusion of further color markers in the GeneSeek test, it was decided to continue with listing owner-reported nose color information and coat color information. Robert Cissell had provided a template for owner reported color information. The Board approved the template with one modification. **Motion** (Dike, Hardy): The final color question of the on-line registration form should be modified to read as follows:

Nose Color:

Black

Gray

Pink

Mixed

(motion approved 5-0)

Action Item: By Copy of the December Board minutes, Tim Hardy will inform Robert Cissell of this change.

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