



BOARD MINUTES

20 May 2018

Present: Cinde Moore, Tim Hardy, Greg Dike, Ruth Higdon, Grant Pound
Visitors: Gene Fuehrer, Robert Stuplich, Robert Cissell

Cinde Moore called the meeting to order at 7:05.

The previous minutes were approved. (Dike, Higdon, 3-0)

The Board discussed creation of the on-line database with Robert Cissell. Robert's submitted Scope of Work was approved (Dike, Hardy, 3-0). Grant will see that a contract and payment plan is established so that the database can be on-line and functional in July, 2018.

Currently there are two USYAKS shows being planned. Yakspo is being planned for October and the East of the Mississippi Yak Exhibition is being planned for March.

The Board moved on to some registration issues:

- 1) Tim gave an oral report of the Registration Committee's most recent meeting. The meeting resolved some issues regarding the naming of registered animals, which caused another revision in the ear tag formatting. Tim will forward ear tag proofs before the next meeting.
- 2) It was previously decided that animals with GeneSeek SNP reports are eligible for \$25 registration. It is unclear if IYAK will be giving SNP reports to its members. If IYAK is not giving SNP reports to its members, it will not be a simple transfer of genetic information when an IYAK GeneSeek tested yak is submitted to USYAKS for registration. Further, If IYAK is not distributing SNP data to its members it is expected this will motivate IYAK members to become USYAKS members. Ruth will discuss some of the DNA transfer issues with Ted Kalbfleish.
- 3) Greg suggested that USYAKS agree to submit DNA to GeneSeek (at a reduced rate) on behalf of members who wish to determine parentage for unregistered animals. Tim suggested that USYAKS could use these GeneSeek test results to certify that meat sold as yak meat actually is yak meat, and not hybrid meat.
- 4) It was further suggested that a registration price break could be offered to IYAK members with sizeable herds that wish to move to USYAKS. It was determined that these three questions would be discussed at the next Registration Committee meeting.
- 5) Gene Fuehrer and Robert Stuplich were invited to join the Registration Committee and accepted their invitations.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2018.