



## BOARD MINUTES

25 August 2019

Present: Greg Dike, Ruth Higdon, Tim Hardy

Absent: Brad Peterson, Erin Harlacher, Grant Pound (Director)

Visitors: Caryn DeRochie, Melissa Lunsford, Vance Hawk, Carlice Cutright, Sonja Cutright

The minutes for the July Board meeting were approved. (Higdon, Hardy)

The Treasurer's report indicated that there was about \$9000 in the bank. The Registrar's report indicated that there are 426 yaks in the registry and there are 64 active members in the association.

Progress continues to be made on the database. This month Robert Cissell has been working on getting the database to properly reflect all of the information that is made available by Ted Kalbfleisch. The Kalbfleisch information no longer needs to be reentered by hand. The SNP reports are now appearing online, but there is still a problem with the yak registration photos.

It was determined by unanimous consent that there will be only one fee for the cow-calf pair competition.

The call for volunteers for new Board members has been met with success, and Grant Pound will see to necessary election details.

Greg Dike will continue to explore USYAKS banquet options. Tim Hardy will contact yak hybrid owners to determine if there should be NWSS hybrid classes available for hybrid owners. The fiber committee was expanded to include Caryn DeRochie. The Committee is now comprised of Grant Pound, Melissa Lunsford, Una Taylor, and Caryn DeRochie. Since not all members of the committee are present, Tim Hardy will send the committee a letter indicating what still needs to be decided.

Melissa Lunsford would like to make yak mats from hair samples submitted by ranches attending NWSS. An announcement to the effect will be in the next Newsletter.

Grant Pound was charged with arranging for the Obstacle Course event on Saturday.

By unanimous consent, the Showmanship class will be divided into three classes: Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced. These classes are not divided by age, but by experience. Carlice Cutright and Grant Pound will see to these details.

By unanimous consent, there will be a Masquerade Class at Yakspo, where yaks and their owners are asked to appear in costume. This class may replace the Outfitter Class that most members are familiar with.



The issue of Back-Numbers for exhibitors was discussed. Since there are far more animals than exhibitors parties expressed dissatisfaction regarding continuous rapid replacement of Back-Numbers. It was suggested that the Back-Number could represent the exhibitor instead of the yak being exhibited. There was no final decision made.