



BOARD MINUTES

August 26, 2018

Present: Grant Pound, Cinde Moore, Jamie Sorum, Ruth Higdon, Tim Hardy, Greg Dike

Visitors: Robert Stuplich, Robert Cissell, Rick Someone, Gene Fuehrer

Cinde Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

The minutes of the July 1st meeting were approved. (Sorum, Dike, 4-0). Cinde Moore will attend to the minutes of the August 5 meeting.

This year USYAKS non-profit status will serve to promote two shows: East of the Mississippi Yak Exhibition, Rocky Mountain Yakspo.

In the event that these shows are not completely self-supporting, USYAKS will sponsor each of these shows with up to \$1000 to make sure that show organizers are not burdened by excessive costs. The \$1000 commitment is meant only for the 2018 shows. The Board of Directors will revisit this topic before any additional financial commitments are made. (Higdon, Hardy, 3-0 with one abstention)

Cinde Moore will chair a marketing committee to benefit USYAKS members. It is expected that this will eventually lead to a password protected part of the USYAKS website. Cinde Moore will bring a more formal proposal to the Board at the October meeting. (Sorum, Higdon, 4-0)

Ruth Higdon provided some updates regarding registrations. There are currently more than 300 yaks registered in USYAKS. One DNA batch of 24 samples processed by GeneSeek came back with a low call rate on all 24 samples. This appears to be a case of laboratory error or laboratory sample mismanagement. Ruth Higdon will pursue this with GeneSeek.

Fourteen samples appear to have lost by GeneSeek, USYAKS is resubmitting these samples. Ruth Higdon will speak with GeneSeek regarding this issue. Greg Dike will speak with Ted Kalbfleisch.

Tim Hardy expressed some concerns regard accurate record keeping in the case of sales or deaths of registered yaks. It was decided (universal acclaim, without vote) that the paper Records of Registration can be handed over to a buyer without passing through the hand of the association. It was further decided that the time of annual membership renewal, members will be provided a list of the yaks that the association records indicate that they own. Renewing members will be required to update their list indicating which (if any) yaks have been transferred, or have died. It was similarly decided that sales of USYAKS registered animals will automatically make the buyer a member of USYAKS.



There was further discussion regarding the expansion of the Board of Directors. Two new Board members will be added. The deadline for nominations is October 5, 2018. Grant Pound is in charge of the details.

Robert Cissell updated the Board on his progress with the database construction. Rick Tunney has agreed to set up a database for EPD. He will also spearhead the collection of data for the database.

Gene Fuehrer would like for the association to develop a strategic plan, and suggests that a discussion of future planning be put on the top of the October 5 Board agenda..