



## BOARD MINUTES

4 November, 2018

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

Visitors: Rob Williams, Robert Stuplich, Robert Cissell, Gene Fuehrer, Carlice Cutright

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

The minutes of the August 26 meeting were approved. (Dike, Higdon, 5-0).

The minutes of the October 7 meeting were approved. (Dike, Higdon, 5-0)

**Action Item:** Cinde Moore will supply the minutes for the early August Board meeting.

**Action item:** (Hardy, Dike, 5-0): By Wednesday, November 7, Grant Pound will supply the Board with a list of venues and dates for the Board Retreat. The e-mail voting regarding the venue and dates will be completed by Sunday, November 11.

New Board officers will be elected at the regular January Board meeting. The Vice President position will remain open until then. (Dike, Hardy, 5-0)

Progress of the database and its interface with the on-line registration form was discussed. The database is still not finished three months after the projected completion date. There was discussion regarding the possibility of having the owners supply Grand-dam and Grand-sire information while maintaining the DNA-verified integrity of the database. It is planned that the online registration form will pre-populate the DNA-verified grand-dams and grand-sires whenever a candidate parent is suggested during registration.

The third quarter financial statement was approved. (Dike, Hardy, 5-0)

The Board discussed the possibility of bringing a International Yak Symposium to the United States in 2020. Peter Hackett and Ruth Higdon are in contact with yak scientists in China and will be visiting with Indian and Nepalese yak scientists later this month. Ruth Higdon will bring a progress report to the January Board meeting. The Symposium is a tentative agenda item for the retreat. It is believed that the formation of a planning committee can be delayed until February 2019.

Possible dates for Yakspo 2019 were discussed. Since many herds are breeding in the fall and many dams are still nursing the prospect of meeting in February was discussed. The current options seem to be February 16-18, 2019 or November 1-3, 2019. Grant Pound will poll previous attendees regarding favored dates before scheduling Yakspo 2019.



Cinde Moore is continuing to explore marketing opportunities at Greeley Stampede and at Cheyenne Frontier Days. Carlice Cutright volunteered to bring yaks to these events.

Greg Dike reported that the Priorities Survey had garnered 15 responses and 9 additional suggestions. **Action Item:** He will continue to gather responses and organize the data gathered in time to present the results at the December Board meeting.