



BOARD MINUTES

5 January 2020

Present: Carlice Cutright, Caryn DeRochie, Greg Dike, Tim Hardy, Erin Harlacher, Ruth Higdon, Grant Pound (Director)
Absent: Vance Hawk, Brad Peterson
Visitor: Robert Stuplich

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the December 15, 2019 Board meeting were unanimously approved. (Hardy, Cutright)

Ruth Higdon reported that there will be in excess of sixty yaks from eleven ranches in attendance at Yakspo 2020. The Association is expected to essentially break-even for the event.

Tim Hardy presented a suggested Yakspo judging standard that had been developed by committee. Hardy also presented a draft of a letter to accompany the judging standard to be sent to the conformation judges. The letter was designed to accomplish several things: 1) provide a rationale to the judges for differences between yak and cattle conformation; 2) make clear to the judges that the Pen Show is to be primarily an educational experience for breeders; 3) provide a schedule of the judging events.

Motion: The USYAKS Yakspo judging standard is approved for 2020 Rocky Mountain Yakspo. The letter to judges is approved, subject to a few minor clarifications. Both items should be sent to the judges as soon as possible. (Hardy, Harlacher, passed 5-0)

Greg Dike asked Hardy to combine the two documents into a single website-ready document. He felt that the Association should have a clearly articulated and well publicized conformation standard.

Fiber judge Karen Kinyon has been in contact with Wini Labrecque and approves of the fiber scorecard developed by Labrecque.

Motion: The fiber scorecard developed by Labrecque and approved by Kinyon will be used at Rocky Mountain Yakspo. (Hardy, Higdon, passed 5-0)

Greg Dike suggested that the association buy two 10'x30' tents for use at NWSS, instead of renting.

Motion passed 5-0. (Dike, Higdon)

It was decided that the association should rent 30 chairs for use with the seminars. Dike will make arrangements one week in advance of the show.



Negative BVD test results are required for admission to NWSS. The Association tests for BVD as part of the registration process, and has lab test results for all registered animals. Breeders who have registered yaks, but do not have the BVD lab test results should contact Jamie Sorum.

Robert Stuplich asked if there was a hybrid steer class at the show. Association documents seemed to be inconsistent. The Board determined unanimously that there should be a class for hybrid steers. Higdon will order appropriate ribbons for the class.

The Board will meet again on January 19.