



BOARD MINUTES

6 May, 2018

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

Visitors: Robert Cissell, Bob Stuplich

Cinde Moore called the meeting to Order at 7:01.

The minutes of the April 8 meeting were approved (Dike, Sorum, 3-0)

The minutes of the April 22 meeting were approved (Dike, Sorum, 3-0)

Jamie Sorum gave the Registrars report indicating that 75 animals have now had their DNA sent to GeneSeek.

Grant Pound suggested that the Board of Directors have an annual retreat. He suggested that the Association would benefit if the Board could meet informally over a period of several days to discuss on-going and forthcoming problems and hash out long term permanent solutions in a relaxed setting. The Board will discuss this in greater depth in the future.

Greg Dike suggested that it was time to add more members to the Board of Directors and to establish the time of expiry for each of the positions on the Board. It was agreed that Greg should submit a written proposal to Cinde Moore, so that the Board could discuss the specifics of his proposal once it was presented in writing.

Tim Hardy presented a report regarding the continuing progress for Whole Genome Sequencing of his yak Molly, which will be accomplished using an entirely new experimental procedure involving the use of tissue from Molly's heifer calf Esperanza.

The Board discussed the issues of a paper "Record of Registration", the online "Certificates of Registration", and the database. Robert Cissell made an oral proposal to the Board regarding construction of a searchable on-line database that could be used for recording searchable information regarding registrations, recording searchable DNA records, have a capacity to serve our needs for the proposed Match-A-Yak service. Some fields in the individual registration records could be updated by yak owners, other fields exclusively by an agent of the Association. Robert will provide a formal write-up for his proposal to the Board in time or the Board's meeting on May 20.

The Board discussed the proposed contents of the paper "Record of Registration" and the on-line "Certificate of Registration". It was determined by unanimous consent that the Record of Registration would record the pedigree of registered animals for two generations so long as the pedigree was established by DNA testing. The registered animal's parents and grandparents will



be recorded exclusively by their USYAKS registration, if available. If the registered animal's parents and grandparents are not registered with USYAKS, but are established as parents or grandparents by DNA, their names will be recorded on the pedigree. These names may include names or registration numbers issued by IYAK.

Several issues regarding content of the USYAKS record keeping on the record of Registration and Certificate of Registration were clearly in dispute, and will be resolved in a separate meeting focusing on registration.