



BOARD MINUTES

October 7, 2018

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

Visitors: Gene Fuehrer, Robert Cissell

Jamie Sorum called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

There are two nominees for the open Board positions: Erin Harlacher, and Brad Peterson. The election will be held on October 30.

Greg Dike gave a report on the East of the Mississippi Yak Exhibition. There were about 40 yaks exhibited and between 150 and 200 curious visitors. Next year's event will likely be in Louisville and include fiber exhibits and judging.

Cinde Moore followed up last month's discussion of marketing with proposals to set up booths and pens at Greeley Stampede and at Cheyenne Frontier Days.

Ruth Higdon and Peter Hackett are exploring the possibility of bringing the 2020 International Yak Symposium to the United States.

Robert Cissell indicated that the database is now up and running and available for testing.

The Board continued to discuss a planning retreat in the Denver area. Ideas that were suggested for discussion at such a retreat included:

- a) Planning for advancing applications of science. (Peter Hackett and Tim Hardy were directed to offer some proposals and background.)
- b) Yak Show planning and policies.
- c) Market building.
- d) Member education.
- e) Membership building.

It was determined that Greg Dike and Jamie Sorum should set the retreat dates because they were travelling the greatest distance and were subject to the most severe time constraints. It was determined that Grant Pound would explore possible venues.