



BOARD MINUTES

2 February 2022

Present: Carlice Cutright, Caryn DeRochie, Tim Hardy, Vance Hawk, Ruth Higdon, Eric Mandatta, Kirk Mitchell, Brad Peterson, Sunshine Schultz, Brenda Winter

Visitors: Amy Zurencio, Greg Dike, Peter Hackett, Bob Stuplich, Una Taylor, Kat Tylee,

The minutes from the January 5, 2022 Board meeting were approved with one minor correction.

Ruth gave an updated treasurer report and USYAKS has 852 animals registered and 72 members!

Kat Tylee collected 35 samples of fiber at the NWSS and has had 20 samples sent in. She hopes to receive more samples for her fiber study. The form is on the website!

Tim hopes Vance will be the next chairperson for the meat committee.

Peter gave an update for the science committee: Match-a-Yak is ready to go, GeneSeek worked out the markers issue, and the skin sequencing needs funds to keep going. The board will approve the recommendation of the science committee for the definition of a yak by genetic markers.

Sunshine stated the brochures were a marketing success at NWSS.

Greg reminded the board of the special Zoom meetings and seminars on February 23rd and March 8th.

Kirk sent a list of poisonous plants to Tim and it was discussed if this should be looked into for other areas of the country.

The new website will be up and running this month.

It was voted that there be a special newsletter for the NWSS 2022.

A membership drive was discussed and a mentorship program was proposed.

Tim would like the board and membership to reflect on 2021- what went well and what needs to be addressed and worked on.

Tim was elected to be president and Brad to be vice-president for another year. The other positions were also voted in for another year.

