



BOARD MINUTES

4 May 2022

Present: Carlice Cutright, Tim Hardy, Vance Hawk, Ruth Higdon, Eric Mandatta, Kirk Mitchell, Brad Peterson

Absent: Caryn DeRochie, Sunshine Schultz, Brenda Winter

Visitors: Peter Hackett, Melissa Lunsford, Bob Stuplich, Una Taylor, Susan Mandatta

The minutes from the April 2022 Board meeting need to be amended and approved at the July board meeting.

880 yaks are registered with 77 current members.

Melissa gave an update for the fiber committee, pictures and content are needed for the website. Work will need to be redistributed since Una stepped down as chairperson. The committee feels the website will be a great resource once it is finished being designed.

Vance updated the board for the meat committee, he met with FSIF and explained the DNA testing and certification process USYAKS uses. They wanted to know how the animals would be segregated for slaughter.

Una presented an update for the science committee, the last batch of samples that were sent to GeneSeek are being retested and should have results by June.

The newsletter is being written and Una was asking for article donations.

Kirk discussed the need for a professional web designer for the website so the website sends a professional message. Various website templates and websites were mentioned for examples and Kirk, Melissa, Jenna and Sunshine will give an update at the next board meeting.

Tim feels the By-laws need to be studied and changes need to be made to the by-laws or our actions need to change. Caryn will help Tim figure out when board members were elected and how long their term lasts.

The annual meeting will be online and possibly in February.

Brad and Vance will look at the changes proposed by Tim, Carlice and Greg and report back at the next meeting.

The board approved George Strain as a professional member.

