

## USYAKS October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Ruth H. Carlise C. , Melissa L., Brad P., Eric and Susan M., Robert Stuplich, Jeffree Star, Corinna and Pat Schade, Dr. Jeffrey Lehmkuhler, Greg D.

Excused: Caryn D. – health, Sunshine – work

Attendance taken:

Minutes reviewed and accepted: Motion: Carlise, Second: Eric – unanimous

Ruth Higdon reported that the samples sent to GeneSeek were not fully processed-They were only BVD tested. She said she would contact them to complete the processing parentage and SNP reports).

Ruth stated that she would provide financial reports monthly rather than at every meeting (now two weeks apart until the show is finalized).

The known elements of the show schedule were reviewed (pen show, halter show, masquerade). The banquet was set for Friday night with Brad being in charge of finding a restaurant that would host the event at no extra charge. [Note: Sunshine is also working at finding a hotel for member lodging that could also host the banquet]. Both options will be presented to the Board.

Greg reported that the NWSS may give us free use of the meeting room in the sales arena for an evening time of socialization on Wednesday and Thursday before people leave the pen area. The gathering would have to be catered if food/drink are desired. Greg will follow up on this.

Carlise reported on the need for “yak feet” to be used for the hoof trimming class, J. Star said that he will have ten yaks going for slaughter and he would secure the feet. Everyone was requested to have the feet saved from any yaks they had slaughtered before the show.

Susan and Melissa reported on how the fiber portion of the show will work this year. They defined four components:

1. In the pen evaluation the judge will give an overall assessment of the fiber based on visual observation which would be factored in the animal’s overall evaluation.
2. Members could send in previously collected fiber from multiple yaks which would be judged similar to a fleece show. This could be garbage bags full and the fiber could then be sold at the show or sold to a representative from a fiber mill in Kansas who would then market the fiber.
3. Individual fiber samples could be sent to Kat to be judged.
4. Fiber arts can be submitted for judging.

All of the fiber will be housed in the yurt along with yak fiber collection and processing information.

Susan and Melissa are to prepare a final description of each part of the fiber portion of the show that would provide a description and the details needed to participate in any of the four evaluations.

It was determined that Kat would be the sole fiber judge and Melissa volunteered to assist her. Kat is to provide the Board with a contract for review.

Susan gave an update on doing a show magazine similar to the one done for the 2022 show. It was decided that half page advertisements would be offered for \$100 with the price for a full page remaining at \$200. An artists will be sought to do the cover.

Jeff Lehmkuhler reported on the virtual show and that the video recording of yaks for the show would be manageable. He also reported that Zach Bartenslager would charge \$150 for up to 50 head and \$200 for any number over 50 head. He also stated that Zach B. would be available for the live show – the charge would be \$300/day judging, airfare, lodging and food.

Greg is to contact the NWSS to speak with them about advertising/promoting the yak show. PR, to get in their show booklet and to find out the cost and mechanism to advertise in their show booklet. Jeff L. said we should also find out how to get in the “NWSS School Visiting Teachers Guide”

Greg brought up IYAK being part of the show. Carlise and Greg will contact Danielle Garner and Stephanie Daniels. If they are interested we would ask that they have a representative attend our meetings as a full participant. All agreed that a show involving all would be good for all.

Everyone was reminded to support those going through difficult times...that our relationships with one another are key to who we are.

A final “pulse” was taken to see how everyone was doing and if we were on track and the meeting ended.