



## USYAKS Board Meeting Minutes – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Attendance: Ruth H., Carlise C., Melissa L., Brad P., Eric and Susan M., Robert Stuplich, Jeffree Star, Corinna and Pat Schade, Sophia Wiess, Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, Greg Dike  
Excused: Sunshine – work, Caryn - medical

Approval of October 5th Minutes (Motion- Brad P. , Second-Eric M. unanimous)  
Ruth gave an update on GeneSeek: Results were just completed and sent to Ted  
Ruth explained the makeup of the reimbursement in the financial report that had been provided.

Melissa and Jeffree spoke about the website improvements. Jeffree has a team working on it with the goal of having it ready by the show. He said he would try to have enough of it completed so the show registration information could be posted for the membership. Melissa also spoke of getting show information out on FaceBook

Susan and Melissa went over the fiber show components.

1. A discussion of how fiber could be included in the pen show. It was decided that the pen show evaluation could not accurately determine coverage and density. As such the pen show will consider skirt, mane, facial hair, tail etc.
2. Susan and Melissa will provide a description of the space needs and set-up required (tables etc)

Ruth stated that she had sent out the classes that were finalized after the last show and was ordering ribbons as soon as possible.

Sunshine: Was at work and did not provide any information regarding a hotel.

Brad stated he needs to know the hotel so he can secure a restaurant for Friday evening near the hotel for the banquet.

Dr. Lehmkuhler reported on the virtual show and stated by the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting he would have the materials ready to send out to the membership explaining the virtual show, how to do the video with good and bad videos they can look at, and the registration materials for the virtual show.

Carlise: Reported the need for yak lower legs for the hoof trimming class.

Carlise: Reported on her work on finding a judge for the show. She has Zack's contact info (U of KY) and is going to contact Danielle P. to find out more about the judge IYAK used last year. The key issue is that everyone wants a judge who will speak about the animals in detail and explain strengths and weaknesses etc.

Greg reported that NWSS will provide the hospitality room on Wednesday and Thursday at no cost. Also, that NWSS will advertise the yak show in their materials and schedule.

Susan reported on the "Show Magazine". She talked about having more pages, gave a sample list of articles she was soliciting and having a half page as well as full page ads for \$100 and \$200 respectively.



Sophia spoke on IYAK wanting to be part of the show and the space requirements they might need. She also spoke about having a silent auction as a fundraiser-possibly to be held in the hospitality room. It was also suggested that it be set up to run on the website/USYAKS FaceBook so people not in attendance could bid on the items. IYAKS participation was very well received.

Sophia was going to speak to the IYAK Board/people who show to determine space requirements etc.

It is important to note that everyone was very positive about the idea of having IYAK as a partner in this show.

The meeting ended with people agreeing we were on the right track and things were going well. The emphasis on building community and enjoying our time at the show strong.

Minutes poorly done by Greg Dike