



USYAKS May 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present: Carlice, Ursula, Jeff L., Eric, Susan, Greg, Caryn, Sonya, Bob S., Kat T., Brad

Excused: Melissa, Ruth

- Minutes from April 5, 2023 board meeting were approved.
- A motion was passed to patch the current website until a new company can be found to build a new website.
- Jeff gave an update on the meat study comparing beef, bison and yak for protein and fat content. He also relayed information regarding parasite products. Jeff and Greg had exciting news on the progress of AI and the success using this process to expand the genetic diversity of the yaks in the United States.
- Jeff asked what topics and demonstrations would be useful for the conference in October and there will be a dedicated YouTube channel for the webinars.
- The annual meeting for the Board of Directors will be held during the July 5, 2023 meeting.
- The Board election will be held in July and new candidates need to be recruited.
- Kat has 170 samples for her fiber study from 22 different ranches. Susan and Kat lead a discussion on having a fiber competition since this is fiber season. Standards need to be set for fiber quality and information on the benefits of yak fiber needs to be announced to the world! There is a huge gap between producer and user of yak fiber.
- Different venues are being explored for three possible regional yak events. What are the goals of these events? Membership, community, marketing...