



BOARD MINUTES

Minutes for the July 12, 2023 Board Meeting

Attendance taken: Ruth, Eric, Bob Stuplich, Jeff Lehmkuhler, Melissa, Urs, Greg, Caryn was in the hospital, Brad and Carlise were unable to make the meeting,

Review of Minutes from June 5th, 2023 Meeting: Reviewed and accepted

Finance and registration updates were provided by Ruth

Old Business:

- Discussion of a 2024 yak show and whether we should pursue having it at the NWSS. There was a general feeling that having a show at the NWSS was important for USYAKS and the yak industry in general. Decision was made to see if the NWSS would reduce the \$3000 to make it more affordable given the lack of pedestrian traffic over the next two years until the new facilities are built in the lower area by the stockyards. Greg will call and try to get an answer

- Membership Record Review: Susan and Ruth reported on the membership record situation and need for removing duplicates, inactive etc.

New Business:

- Decision was made to keep the one vote per ranch rule as stated in the By-Laws.
- Decision was made to write off this year's remaining dues and make January 1 the date a notice will go out to all members that their annual membership is due.
- New members will have "free membership" until January 1 of the following year they join USYAKS. This will keep everyone in "synch" with respect to membership fees.
- Susan presented a new way to approach Board Membership: we invite people to work on a specific task /project area and during that time they will have voting privileges and be official board members. For example: Social Media development, Website management, Meat development).
- Yakspo Update provided by Melissa
- Yak Conference (October 28) in Morehead Kentucky Update provided by Jeff



- Proposal for a combined yak registry: Greg explained what it was about and the Board decided to have a special meeting July 16th to talk about it.

Meeting Adjourned

