



## BOARD MINUTES

September 6, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Greg, Brad, Sophia, Danielle, Melissa, Carlice, Robert, Eric, Ruth, Caryn, Kat, and Susan.

Absent: Urs

- July and August's board meeting minutes were approved.
- Ruth gave a financial report and stated USYAKS has 1407 yaks registered.
- Membership dues will now be collected in January, not the month when the ranch joined USYAKS.
- Sophia and Danielle from IYaks discussed with the board the idea of combining the two organizations. How will registrations be handled, lifetime memberships, international ranches, and the by-laws are some of the items brought up for discussion. How to combine the databases and the websites was brought up and what will the name of the new organization be?
- Yakspo in Colorado was a huge success with over 500 visitors!
- Reminder that there are webinars in September and October and the Kentucky Yak conference will be in October also.
- SKAYresearchgroup.com is the new landing spot for webinar links, conference videos and general yak information.
- Greg found a mill in Kentucky who will work with the yak community in processing yak fiber! Thirty entries were submitted for the fiber competition.
- 2024 yak events were proposed and the events will be narrowed down at the next meeting.

