

# KHSI Board of Directors Meeting Teleconference April 15, 2021

President Jane Smith called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM EST.

Board members present: Jane Smith, Howard Covington, John Dyer, Cindy DeOrnellis, Larry Weeks, Robert Walker and Dan Turner. Alan Culham was also present.

Jane asked the board to review the minutes of March 18. Howard moved the minutes be approved as presented. Dan seconded the motion and it passed 7-0. The March minutes were accepted.

Alan presented the treasurer's report which included the February profit & loss, balance sheet, and first quarter/budget comparison. Cindy moved to accept the reports as presented. Dan seconded the motion and it passed 7-0. The board also reviewed rolling annual averages for registrations, transfers and paid memberships. Alan reported a balance of \$5,000-\$6,000 in accounts receivable remaining from fees owed under the old registry. Prior to the transition, attempts were made to reconcile accounts, but the new registry could not collect due to insufficient information. Cindy moved to eliminate the old accounts receivable as there is no written proof of amounts due. Howard seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

## Old Business

- NSIIC Grant report – Dan The first 96 trial samples have been submitted by USDA-ARS, Arkansas. The samples are analyzed and DNA checked. Parentage was also checked and verified with animal owners. The data will be “crunched” in Australia, the “switch will be flipped” and the data becomes GEBVs. Parentage mistakes were found during the analysis.
- Export update – Contact from Senegal interested in importing 200 head breeding sheep (NSIP data preferred) per year for next three years. Previously, used Katahdin and Suffolk semen to gauge which cross worked best with the native sheep, with Katahdin crosses working best. Alan sent informational packet with 2 Hairalds and a list of the top breeders.
- Educational office closure – Jane No response from Jim Morgan regarding shipment of corporate materials and scanner. Robert will attempt to meet with Jim and pick up remaining boxes when travelling through Arkansas. Still struggling to access documents on Docuware. Robert will attempt to contact Docuware and move data to a drop box.
- Spring Hairald is at the publisher and Expo info must be submitted for the next issue.
- Jane provided a copy of the association's policy changes
- Dan presented information on the request for support for the UNE/USMARC research grant. The Suffolk and Polypay associations and the American Lamb Board have pledged financial support. Dan moved that KHSI provide \$10,000 per year from the 2022, 2023 and 2024 budgets for making payments to laboratories to cover a fraction of the costs incurred by KHSI producers who participate in the UDSA AFRI-sponsored research (if awarded). Funds provided by KHSI would be apportioned to project components (e.g., genotyping, fecal egg counts, data collection) to defray a fraction of the cost of these services to our members, according to the decisions made by Dr. Lewis, Dr. Brito and their research team. Robert seconded the motion. After considerable discussion, Jane called for a roll call vote. Dan-yes, Larry-yes, Robert-yes, John-no, Howard-no, Cindy-no, Jane-no. Motion failed 3-

4. Robert moved to amend the original motion, substituting \$7,500 per year support for 3 years, with an option to increase if funds are available. Dan seconded the motion and roll call vote was Cindy-yes, Howard-yes, John-no, Robert-yes, Larry-yes, Dan-yes. Motion passed 5-1.
- Howard reported the progress on the haircoat inspection videos. One has Jim speaking and demonstrating, while the other is narrated. He needs additional haircoat videos.

### New Business

- Final sale rules will be published in the next Hairald. Robert and Alan are working on an electronic entry process. Money and entries will be sent to Alan and forwarded to the sale committee. Entry deadline will be 3 weeks prior to the sale. NSIP sheep will be marked and links available with the listing.
- KREG grant applications
  - Robert moved to approve the request from SCKA for \$2,250. John seconded the motion and it passed.
  - Cindy moved to approve the request from the RMKA for \$5,140. Howard seconded the motion and motion passed.
  - Jane moved to promote the regional events with an email blast. John seconded the motion and motion passed.
  - John questioned if the board needed to set limits for the KREG grants. Per policy, there are not limits, but the board can choose the level of support.
- Expo Meeting – Cindy Plans are moving forward and the agenda will be published in the next Hairald.
- Robert presented a request from the Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins (EAPK) for recognition as a regional group. Cindy moved to recognize EAPK as a regional group. John seconded the motion and it passed.
- Alan questioned the need for the “education @khsi.org” email address. He’s not sure where the emails are going. Robert changed the forwarding address to Alan, as well as Jim’s old emails. There is a drop box with old pictures, but Nancy Case owns the domain and Jim did not provide the access information.
- Howard presented a proposal from Mike Smith of EDJE for a web page update and ongoing maintenance. Discussion tabled to May meeting.
- Errors in registered/recorded parentage have been noted in the DNR results received as part of the genomic studies. At this time, errors are found in 10-15% of the results. These errors may affect numerous existing registration papers. Corrected certificates can be requested at \$5 each.

Next meeting: May 20 @ 8:00 EST

Robert moved to adjourn and Dan seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy DeOrnellis