

KHSI Board of Directors Meeting Teleconference November 18, 2021

President Robert Walker called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM EST.

Board members present: Robert Walker, Howard Covington, Karen Kenagy, Cindy DeOrnellis, Larry Weeks, Mandy Fletcher and Dan Turner. Alan Culham was also present.

Robert asked the board to review the minutes of October 20. Howard questioned the wording in the NSIIP grant report. Dan moved to approve the minutes as amended and Howard seconded the motion. Motion 7-0 and Cindy will forward the amended minutes to Alan.

Alan presented the treasurer's report which also included the year-to-date profit & loss and the balance sheet. Dan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Howard seconded the motion and treasurer's report was approved 7-0. Alan also provided the October registration and membership report – and we're on track for a record-breaking year.

Old Business

NSIP/KHSI data use – Dan

The gEBVs have been released, but the new index is not yet available as they are still working on the final data. That should be completed and released within the next two weeks. Management is still assessing the final costs, but they should be within budget.

Website Upgrade – Alan

Alan is scheduled to meet with the programmers tomorrow. The new website is slated for launch next Monday and will replace the old website. Robert requested the board be sent the link for review and comment, prior to the release.

Fall Hairald – Alan

The fall issue is 60 pages and has been mailed. Robert questioned why the new issues were immediately available from a link. This was started when the link for the Expo issue was published to help promote the event. This practice will be discontinued, with only older, archived issues available on the website.

New Business

Data Storage – Robert

Robert noted that the drop box purchased for holding the files scanned by Jim Morgan was not being accessed. He has transferred those files to the KHSI Google account.

2022 Budget – Alan/Howard

Alan and Howard will prepare the budget using the 12-month financial report as a guideline. The proposed budget will be presented at the December meeting. If committees foresee a change in last year's budgets, please notify Alan or Howard.

Promotions – Robert

Robert proposed the promotion committee place ads in the Ohio Farm & Dairy magazine and the Nebraska hair sheep magazine. He also suggested the committee develop a grant (similar to KREG grant) to start Katahdin shows in some of the bigger shows. He suggested the show committee work to develop an application. Cindy will work on this with the show committee.

2022 Membership Mailing – Alan

The renewals are scheduled to be mailed on Dec. 1.

KHSI Codon 171 Sale Policy – Howard & Cindy

Heartland has questioned if KHSI has any changes for the 2022 Midwest Stud Ram Sale (MWSRS) requirements. Cindy moved that the codon rules for MWSRS be the same as for the Expo – individual codon test required with results noted on sale order and no QQ animals will sell. Howard seconded the motion and the board voted as follows: Howard-yes, Karen-abstain, Cindy-yes, Mandy-abstain, Larry-no and Dan-yes. Motion passed and Cindy will notify Heartland.

NSIP Committee Report – Dan

Michelle Canfield provided a training seminar on using Excel spreadsheets with LambPlan. 40 people attended the session was recorded and will be posted on the KHSI and EAPK websites. The committee suggested a monthly Zoom seminar on varying educational topics. Dan provided a link to the information provided by Etienne and the link is very useful. Howard reported that he attended an NSIP meeting hosted in Texas and primarily attended by Dorper breeders and they utilize NSIP data in a different manner. The UK genetic seminar is this week.

Larry moved the board go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Howard seconded the motion and motion passed 7-0. After discussion, the board decided to table any decision until the December meeting. Dan moved to return to open session and Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0 and open session resumed.

Other Business

Robert attended the NAILE and viewed the various breed displays. He noted the KHSI display is worn and outdated. Suggested this display and the one maintained by Karen be updated to complement the new promotional materials

Next meeting: December 16 @ 8 PM EST

Dan moved to adjourn and Cindy seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 and Robert adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy DeOrnellis