

Manitoba Sheep Association Board Meeting Minutes Conference Call

DATE:
April 15, 2020

PRESENT: Ralph Borst, Guy Bouchard, Sheri Bieganski, Morgan Moore, Simon Atkinson, Angela Pynne, Wendy Church, Lee Hurton (Staff), Linda Fox (MB Ag), Rob Berry (MB Ag)

REGRETS: Bethan Lewis, Tracy Stykalo, Wray Whitmore, (Mb Ag)

ABSENT:

Mission Statement

To initiate, support and conduct programs and activities designed to stimulate and improve the economic Well-being of all segments of the Manitoba sheep industry.

TOPIC	DECISION/ACTION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.0 Call to Order and Agenda Review	The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. <i>Moved by Ralph Borst and seconded by Sheri Bieganski that the agenda from the April 15, 2020 meeting be approved. Carried.</i>	
2.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes	<i>Moved by Guy Bouchard and seconded by Ralph Borst that the minutes from the February 18, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.</i>	
3.0 Financial	<p>3.1 Monthly Report Monthly Financial Report was presented</p> <p>3.2 Financials as of March 31, 2020 <i>Moved by Ralph Borst seconded by Guy Bouchard that the MSA board having reviewed the Financial Report including bank statement, balance sheet and Profit and Loss vs Actuals as of March 31, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.</i></p> <p>3.3 Transactions to Approve <i>Moved by Angela Pynne seconded by Morgan Moore that the MSA Board approve the transactions reviewed & approved by the Finance Committee for the month of March in the amount of \$1372.30 as presented. Carried.</i></p> <p>3.4 2019 Financial Review <i>Moved by Ralph Borst seconded by Guy Bouchard that the MSA Board approve the draft 2019 Financial Review as presented. Carried.</i></p>	
4.0 Office Mgr.'s Report	Verbal report offered by Lee Hurton.	
5.0 CSF Report	Sheri Bieganski, from the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association (and the MSA) has joined the CSF. Global conference has not been cancelled as of yet, potential to hold the conference virtually if travel restrictions are still in effect. Looking to follow the lead of the Royal Fair (in Toronto) as the conference	

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	is being held in conjunction with the Fair. CSF is looking for volunteers to help organize the Conference. Japanese consulate (based in Calgary) has been in contact with the MSA and CSF regarding the potential for export to Japan. He has expressed an interest in the fact that a number of grocery retailers in Japan have expressed an interest in changing their supply of lamb.	
6.0 Committee Representatives	<p>CCWG – COVID-19 has stopped all exporting of product expect some wool sales. A large stockpile of wool may become an issue. Grunthal Auction Mart has agreed to become a wool depot.</p> <p>Predation – Conference call took place in March. Funding for Predation pilot program has been approved for three years.</p> <p>KAP – No activity.</p> <p>MFGA – No report</p> <p>Animal Care – No report</p> <p>CSBA - The Classic is cancelled for 2020. 2021 will be run in Ancaster, ON. Possibility to run an online sale, a survey of all purebred breeders and past consignors is being sent out to gauge interest.</p>	
7.0 Old Business	<p>7.1 COVID-19 Discussion (re: Old Business) Discussion surrounding implications for MSA and the industry.</p> <p>7.2 COVID-19: Communications Discussion on what communications the MSA should be sending out regarding COVID-19. Suggestion to draft a statement to encourage producers to still contact and utilize their vet when needed. Suggestion to draft a current market report – this will be included in each Sheep Sense.</p> <p>Action – Linda will start sending links/information to Lee to send out to producers via eblast and add to the website.</p> <p>7.3 Discussion/Decision on Summer Show & Sale Decision to wait until mid-May to make a decision.</p> <p>7.4 Postponement on ‘Getting Started in Sheep’ Postponed due to COVID-19. Morgan will contact Gord Schroeder to determine whether he is interested in providing the course virtually.</p> <p>7.5 SheepSense Newsletter Breeding and nutrition will be the focus of the next issue of SheepSense due out in July 2020.</p> <p>7.6 Sponsorship/Advertising Discussion surrounding current sponsorship/advertising commitments with the MSA.</p> <p>7.7 CS&L Update</p>	<p>Linda Fox Morgan Moore Lee Hurton</p> <p>Linda Fox Lee Hurton</p>

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	Conversation with Wade Neumeier regarding the issue of check off dollars. Follow up conversation would need to include another member of the MSA Board. Sheep Value Roundtable has been postponed.	
8.0 New Business	<p>8.1 Colin's Project Request from Colin Hunter for the MSA to be involved as a sponsor (payment of veterinary bill) for putting feeders in preparing the sheep for his synchronization system. Consensus to not participate.</p> <p>8.2 Online Workshop Videos Suggestion to have a series of videos made that would educate producers on various topics. Question as to whether or not producers can still access videos produced by Manitoba Ag a few years ago. Action: Linda to check to see if MSA can access videos produced by Manitoba Ag. Genovis and CEPOQ have both produced videos in the past but mostly in French – potential to suggest translation for use in Manitoba. Suggestion to approach Gord Schroeder to determine interest in creating videos for the MSA. Action – Morgan will contact Gord to determine interest. Action – Lee to ask the cost of the member's only section of the website. Action – Linda to follow up on possibility to creation of videos with a veterinarian.</p> <p>8.3 CSF Global Organizing Committee Request Request from the CSF for members to join an organizing committee for the CSF Global conference.</p> <p>8.4 Canadian Sheep Industry Response to COVID-19 Request for individuals to join a meeting on April 20th to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	
9.0 Next Meeting	The next meeting will be determined via doodle poll and will be attempted via zoom.	
10.0 Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.	