

Manitoba Sheep Association Board Meeting Minutes

Conference Call

DATE:
December 14, 2020

PRESENT: Guy Bouchard, Morgan Moore, Simon Atkinson, Ralph Borst, Bethan Lewis, (Mb Ag), Rob Berry (MB Ag), Angela Pynne, Tina Shaw, Arik Lindal, Lee Hurton (Staff), Wray Whitmore, (Mb Ag)

REGRETS:

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 7:00 p.m. <i>Moved by Ralph Borst and seconded by Simon Atkinson that the agenda from the December 14, 2020 meeting be approved. Carried.</i>	
2.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes	<i>Moved by Guy Bouchard and seconded by Angela Pynne that the minutes from the November 10, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.</i>	
3.0 Round Table Updates	Board members introduced themselves and gave some info on their background.	
4.0 Financial	<p>4.1 Monthly Report Monthly Financial Report was presented</p> <p>4.2 Financials as of November 30, 2020</p> <p><i>Moved by Ralph Borst seconded by Simon Atkinson that the MSA board having reviewed the Financial Report including bank statement, balance sheet and Profit and Loss vs Actuals as of November 30, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.</i></p>	
5.0 Office Mgr.'s Report	Verbal report offered by Lee Hurton.	
6.0 CSF Report	Ongoing work for the development of the ultrasound framework for technicians to provide pregnancy diagnosis and fetal counting as opposed to only by a veterinarian – a survey from CSF (joint between CSF and Canadian Goat Federation) will be mailed shortly to MSA members on the topic. Global Sheep Conference was well attended and the audit process is currently ongoing. AGM will be held via zoom at the end of January (subject to completion of audit).	
7.0 Committee Representatives	<p>CCWG – Turnover in Lethbridge has taken place recently – GM was recently fired.</p> <p>Predation – Guy Bouchard will continue as the MSA representative to the Predation Project. The survey was recently mailed to all MSA members with a deadline of December 21st.</p>	

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	<p>KAP – Morgan Moore will now serve as the MSA representative to KAP from the MSA. Guy Bouchard will serve as an alternate to Morgan for KAP meetings/events. Electronic Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 26th. Resolutions need to be submitted by January 6th.</p> <p>MFGA – A representative from the MSA is needed. Guy Bouchard volunteered to fill that role.</p> <p>Animal Care – No report.</p> <p>CSBA – No report.</p>	
<p>8.0 Old Business</p>	<p>8.1 Getting Started in Sheep Workshop Morgan has emailed Gord about 10 days ago indicating that the MSA is interested in offering a virtual workshop to our members.</p>	
<p>9.0 New Business</p>	<p>9.1 Determination of Board Roles Morgan Moore indicated that he would be willing to continue as Chairperson and no other Board members expressed an interest. Guy Bouchard indicated that he would be willing to continue as Vice-Chairperson and Simon Atkinson also expressed an interest. Lastly, Ralph Borst indicated that he was willing to continue as Treasurer and no other Board members expressed an interest.</p> <p>The Board will submit their votes for the Vice-Chairperson position to Lee via text or email.</p> <p>9.2 North American Lamb Company Discussions NALC has submitted an article for the December SheepSense and has asked for a meeting to continue the discussion on how check off is handled. General consensus from the Board that NALC articles should not be included in SheepSense without a membership in good standing or a paid advertising agreement.</p> <p>Suggestion to propose an agreement where NALC would contribute 25% of revenue of tags bought up to a maximum of \$20,000 per calendar year. Morgan will make the suggestion and report back to the Board.</p> <p>Motion to propose that NALC leave 25% of the revenue from their tags purchased up to a maximum of \$20,000 per calendar year with a re-negotiation after 5 years. Moved and seconded. Carried.</p> <p>Morgan will draft a letter and circulate to the Board prior to sending.</p> <p>9.3 Database Guy has been working to clean up the database in his District and has a volunteer from his group to help make calls and contact producers.</p> <p>Suggestion to simply have volunteer sign a confidentiality form before accessing the database.</p>	

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10.0 Next Meeting	The next Board meeting will take place in January.	
11.0 Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.	