

Manitoba Sheep Association Board Meeting Minutes Conference Call

DATE:
August 24, 2020

PRESENT: Ralph Borst, Guy Bouchard, Morgan Moore, Wendy Church, Simon Atkinson, Angela Pynrne, Lee Hurton (Staff), Rob Berry (MB Ag)

REGRETS: Bethan Lewis, Tracy Stykalo, Sheri Bieganski, 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 7:08 p.m. <i>Moved by Ralph Borst and seconded by Simon Atkinson that the agenda from the August 24, 2020 meeting be approved. Carried.</i>	
2.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes	<i>Moved by Ralph Borst and seconded by Wendy Church that the minutes from the June 29, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.</i>	
3.0 Round Table Updates	Updates from Board members in attendance.	
4.0 Financial	<p>4.1 Monthly Report Monthly Financial Report was presented</p> <p>4.2 Financials as of July 31, 2020 <i>Moved by Ralph Borst seconded by Morgan Moore that the MSA board having reviewed the Financial Report including bank statement, balance sheet and Profit and Loss vs Actuals as of July 31, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.</i></p> <p>4.3 Transactions to Approve <i>Moved by Guy Bouchard seconded by Morgan Moore that the MSA Board approve the transactions reviewed & approved by the Finance Committee for the month of June and July in the amounts of \$832.30 and \$852.30 respectfully as presented. Carried.</i></p>	
5.0 Office Mgr.'s Report	Verbal report offered by Lee Hurton.	
6.0 CSF Report	CSF has hired three students who have been developing a platform for the onboarding of information for the Block Chain program. Platform should be ready within 2 weeks – this could be showed to members and be ready for testing (pilot project with federally inspected plant on the East coast). Program will be able to trace the lambs form the farm of origin to the plant. Opportunity for feedback	

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7.0 Committee Representatives	<p>from producers – let Morgan know if you would like access. Discussion surrounding an opportunity for CSF to create an accreditation body and liability coverage for ultrasound technicians.</p> <p>CCWG – No report.</p> <p>Predation – Guy attended a conference call on August 12th regarding the project. Ray Bitner has been hired to lead the project. A booklet on predation is also being developed for distribution to producers. The project will be looking for producers who have issues with predators – interested parties are welcome to contact the project. Guy will contact Ray and determine how close the project is to recruiting producers.</p> <p>KAP – Report covered within Old Business</p> <p>MFGA – No report.</p> <p>Animal Care – No report.</p> <p>CSBA – No report.</p>	
8.0 Old Business	<p>8.1 COVID-19 Discussion & Communications Discussion took place within round table.</p> <p>8.2 Wool Packer Update Both units are functional at this time and in use. Have determined that repair costs seem to be being split 50/50 between the MSA and the Wool Growers and that the Wool Growers is paying for the registration of the units.</p> <p>8.3 Protein Strategy Update No progress at this time.</p> <p>8.4 Fall District Meeting Planning Discussion on how to hold district meetings considering the restrictions on gatherings in the Province. Ralph, Wendy, Simon and Tracy will all be up for election in their districts. Angie will be up for re-election as a director at large. Lee will prepare an eblast that will declare which districts have opportunities for new directors and request interested parties to send in their interest to the office.</p> <p>Board members will brainstorm ideas for a speaker that could offer a short lecture at the meeting as well.</p> <p>Lee will prepare a one-pager with all the information pertaining to the event for physical mailing to all members. Information will include AGM date, for producers to look for information on how to register on the MSA website, how to submit a resolution for consideration by the Board, as well as positions up for re-election.</p> <p><i>Moved by Ralph Borst seconded by Morgan Moore that the Fall District meetings and AGM be combined in a virtual format on Tuesday, November 17th, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.</i></p>	Lee Hurton

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	<p>8.5 KAP Resolution Update Both motions put forth by the MSA passed at KAP's recent AGM. The first motion was to allow for ultrasound technicians to provide pregnancy scans. The second motion was to allow the inter-provincial trade of provincially inspected meat.</p>	
9.0 New Business	<p>9.1 CSF/MSA Approach to Ultrasound Testing Discussed under the CSF Report.</p> <p>9.2 Request for Research Money The Board received a request for a project from Dalhousie University on "The long-term and multi-generational effects of feeding red clover pasture and hay on ewe and lamb health and performance". The Board decided to not pursue the project at this time.</p> <p>9.3 NALco Checkoff Proposal NALco has indicated that they would like to support the CSF directly with a monetary donation even though the way that NALco should support the CSF is through the MSA. Morgan, Guy and Ralph will be meeting with NALco and CS&L regarding a recent proposal to support the MSA with \$4,000/annually. \$2,000 would be allocated from tags, \$1000 in advertising and \$1000 in AGM sponsorships. Discussion amongst the Board on proposal - general consensus that a \$4000 contribution is not adequate.</p> <p>9.4 AGM 2020 Discussed in old business.</p> <p>9.5 Fall Sheepsense Planning for Fall sheepsense underway. Suggestion to include information on fall breeding aimed at new producers.</p>	<p>Lee Hurton</p> <p>Morgan Moore Guy Bouchard Ralph Borst</p>
10.0 Next Meeting	The next meeting will be planned via doodle poll for September.	
11.0 Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.	