Manitoba Sheep Association Board Meeting Minutes Conference Call

DATE:

March 23, 2021

PRESENT: Guy Bouchard, Morgan Moore, , Arik Lindal, Lee Hurton (Staff), Ralph Borst, Wray Whitmore, (Mb Ag)

REGRETS: Tina Shaw, Simon Atkinson, Bethan Lewis, Angela Pyrnne, Rob Berry (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 7:13 p.m.	
	Moved by Ralph Borst and seconded by Guy Bouchard that the agenda from the March 23, 2021 meeting be approved. Carried.	
2.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes	Moved by Ralph Borst and seconded by Arik Lindal that the minutes from the February 16, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried.	
3.0 Round Table Updates	Round table updates from Board members.	
4.0 Financial	4.1 Monthly Report Monthly Financial Report was presented	
	4.2 Financials as of February 28, 2021	
	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 February 28, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried.	
5.0 Office Mgr.'s Report	Deferred.	
6.0 CSF Report	Investigating opportunities for CSF to do own version of Sheep Value Round Table – with invitation to government. Presentation on collecting check off revenue from import lamb. Could amount to \$7-8 million dollar value in research funding. Meeting will take place in April to discuss further. Ultrasound working group continues to function and work towards creation of ultrasound technician designation in Canada. Ongoing work with AgroLedger project – final de-bugging and final edits is currently taking place.	
7.0 Committee Representatives	CCWG – Nothing to report. Predation – Invoice received and paid recently for participation in project. KAP – CFA did take both resolutions from last summer to KAP and presented on our behalf – both passed. MFGA – No meetings recently, nothing to report.	

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	Animal Care – Nothing to report.	
8.0 Old Business	8.1 Getting Started in Sheep Workshop 17 producers have registered – all information has been sent out and Gord will be running the course via the SSDB zoom account.	Lee Hurton
	8.2 Show & Sale 2021 Update Bethan has contacted Minnedosa and the same arrangements that were available in 2020 would be available for 2021. Oak Lake could be another option. Morgan will reach out to Bethan/Angie regarding this option.	Morgan Moore
	8.3 KAP/CFA 2020 Resolution Results Both resolutions were approved with a high margin.	
	8.4 NALCo Update Letter was sent recently from Morgan to NALCo. Within 10 minutes of the email, a response from Brad Cramer was received asking for a phone call, as well as a response from Wade Meunier indicating that they would be responding in writing – nothing has been received to date. Morgan has not been able to get a hold of Brad Cramer as of yet.	
9.0 New Business	9.1 MB Virtual Winter Fair Request to be involved but have not been able to obtain animals due to biosecurity issues. Morgan will represent MSA for a Q&A.	
	9.2 4-H Donation Tracy Stykalo has requested that the MSA donate something to the her 4H club – 12 individuals. Morgan will look in trailer to see if there is anything there that can be used, otherwise something will be ordered.	Morgan Moore Lee Hurton
	9.3 Spring/Summer Programming Offerings Brainstorm of ideas for spring/summer programming. Options could be a virtual farm tour. Request from MB Ag to come up with specific ideas on what producers would like to see/learn about.	Wray Whitmore
	9.4 Website Advertising Recent addition of a buyer's information on the website that is not bonded/licensed. Discussion surrounding whether or not the MSA should list buyers who do not hold licensing and if a policy is needed to determine what is required to be listed. Wray will look into the regulations on what is required for individuals to purchase sheep.	

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10.0 Next Meeting	The next Board meeting will be scheduled via doodle poll.	
11.0 Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.	