

Manitoba Sheep Association Board Meeting Minutes Conference Call

DATE:
May 10, 2021

PRESENT: Guy Bouchard, Morgan Moore, Lee Hurton (Staff), Ralph Borst, Wray Whitmore, (Mb Ag), Angela Pynne, Simon Atkinson

REGRETS: Arik Lindal

ABSENT: Bethan Lewis, Tina Shaw, Rob Berry (MB Ag)

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. <i>Moved by Ralph Borst and seconded by Angela Pynne that the agenda from the May 10, 2021 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 March 23, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried.</i>	
3.0 Round Table Updates	Round table updates from Board members.	
4.0 Financial	<p>4.1 Monthly Report Monthly Financial Report was presented</p> <p>4.2 Financials as of April 30, 2021 <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 April 30, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried.</i></p> <p>4.3 MSA 2020 Financial Review <i>Moved by Angela Pynne and seconded by Guy Bouchard that the 2020 MSA Financial Review be approved as presented. Carried.</i></p>	
5.0 Office Mgr.'s Report	Distributed in advance.	
6.0 CSF Report	University summer students have been hired through a government grant to work on the Agri Ledger program. The initial piece is built and is functioning and the remaining pieces/additions are now being worked on. Agri-food Canada discussion continue of Round Table and how it will look moving forward – they are supportive of industry led initiative rather than government led. Hopeful that this will help relationships with restaurant councils and producers. PRA presentation being held on May 20 th , will be made across Canada with guest speakers – explanation session to describe benefits and system that would be created by a PRA.	

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7.0 Committee Representatives	<p>CCWG – No report.</p> <p>Predation – Will be meeting soon. Close to going out to co-operators to discuss which strategy would work best on each individual farm. Have asked for an extension to project to December, 2023.</p> <p>KAP – Looking for a letter of support for the bill that would deal with on farm trespassing – Morgan will distribute to the Board to review. KAP has hired a new general manager.</p> <p>MFGA – Meeting took place in April – planning for annual conference in November. Getting involved in carbon reduction policy.</p> <p>Animal Care –</p>	
8.0 Old Business	<p>8.1 Show & Sale 2021 Update New concept to have event in a large open area (fair grounds, hay field recently mowed would be options) with producers bringing their own penning and having the judge moving throughout the area. Traditional auction would not take place but rather have a silent auction where bids would close at various intervals.</p> <p>Concerns expressed across the Board regarding public health orders and the inability to host an in-person event.</p> <p>Action: Lee to draft a survey to send to membership to gauge interest in an online sale. Action: Guy to start the conversation with Grunthal Auction Mart regarding utilizing their platform Action: Guy to ask Bieganski’s which online software they used for their sale in the past.</p> <p>8.2 June Sheep Sense Looking for contributions by the end of May.</p> <p>Action: Guy will look at MFGA website to see if there would be any applicable articles that we could re-print.</p> <p>8.3 Canada Sheep & Lamb Letter Received Letter received recently from CS&L, not surprised by position but still disappointing. The Board will not respond to the letter at this time.</p>	<p>Lee Hurton Guy Bouchard Guy Bouchard</p>
9.0 New Business	<p>9.1 PRA Presentation If members of the Board have availability at 6pm on May 20th, Morgan strongly recommends tuning in.</p> <p>9.2 OSF Checkoff Reclamation Understanding that the OSF does not have the legal standing to collect checkoff for lambs that are produced outside of Ontario. There is a running tab that is owed to Western provinces in the approximate amount of \$6 million. Currently being researched by a lawyer.</p>	

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	<p>9.3 Producer/Dog Issue Producer contacted Guy with a question surrounding a bylaw that states that if a resident has more than 3 dogs, they are considered a kennel and need to pay an additional license fee.</p> <p>Action: Wray will look into the regulations in the RM of Hanover and report back.</p>	Wray Whitmore
10.0 Next Meeting	The next Board meeting will be scheduled via doodle poll.	
11.0 Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.	