

Manitoba Sheep Association Board Meeting Minutes Conference Call

DATE:
November 10, 2020

PRESENT: Guy Bouchard, Morgan Moore, Wendy Church, Simon Atkinson, Sheri Bieganski, Ralph Borst, Lee Hurton (Staff), Wray Whitmore, (Mb Ag)

REGRETS: Bethan Lewis, (Mb Ag), Rob Berry (MB Ag), Angela Pynrne, Tracy Stykalo

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 Simon Atkinson and seconded by Sheri Bieganski that the agenda from the November 10, 2020 meeting be approved. Carried.</i>	
2.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes	<i>Moved by Guy Bouchard and seconded by Simon Atkinson that the minutes from the October 19, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.</i>	
3.0 Round Table Updates	Updates from Board members in attendance. Board members interested in the Manitoba Agriculture book should email Wray their mailing address.	
4.0 Financial	Deferred	
5.0 Office Mgr.'s Report	Deferred	
6.0 CSF Report	Global Sheep Producers Alliance has been formed. The next iteration of the Global Sheep Conference is November 17-18, provided virtually. It will be attended by the same organizations as in 2019, with some expansion. Focus this year will be the encouragement of youth in the sheep industry and in turn developing leadership skills. AGM has not been scheduled as of yet due to delays in receiving the financial audit. AGM will take place in January, in a virtual format.	
7.0 Committee Representatives	<i>CCWG –</i> <i>Predation</i> – No update since last meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday. <i>KAP</i> – Guy recently attended the quarterly meeting. <i>MFGA</i> – Discussion surrounding the fact that MSA contributed as a sponsor of the MFGA for 2020 but the MFGA did not reciprocate with sponsorship of the MSA as per the original agreement. Regenerative Ag Conference is being offered virtually in the month of November. Future support of the MFGA will be discussed at the next Board meeting when the new members are in attendance. <i>Animal Care</i> – No report.	

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8.0 Old Business	<p><i>CSBA</i> – General Manager has moved on and a new manager has been hired. New manager is based out of Ottawa and is bilingual. Next show will be the end of March or early April and most likely be in a virtual format.</p> <p>8.1 AGM Planning Morgan, Ralph and Lee will have a discussion regarding the financials prior to the AGM on Saturday, November 14th at 6pm.</p> <p>8.2 Ray Bitner at AGM Ray Bitner is the lead of the Predation Program. He is looking to talk to producers who are using cage wire fence or high tensile electric fencing – how it was built and how it is working.</p> <p>He would like to attend the AGM to discuss the project. He would like to promote the upcoming survey regarding what producers are currently doing and what is needed as well as answer any questions producers may have. He would be looking at taking whatever time we would be willing to give him.</p> <p>Ray will be offered 20 minutes on the agenda (15 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes of questions)</p>	
9.0 New Business	<p>9.1 Resolutions from District Meeting Suggested resolutions that came from District Meeting:</p> <p>Resolution Suggestion #1 - That the MSA Board purchase a zoom account that could be utilized by the districts for individual district meetings during the pandemic.</p> <p>Resolution Suggestion #2 – That the MSA clearly defines membership as a producer who has purchased tags within 5 years, maintains a flock, and has not requested a check-off refund.</p> <p>Resolution Suggestion #3 – That the MSA organize and schedule virtual workshops and learning opportunities for producers.</p> <p>MSA will partner with Manitoba Agriculture to develop and deliver virtual workshops and learning opportunities for producers.</p> <p>All three resolutions will be presented at the AGM.</p> <p>9.2 Panels at Colin's Colin has let Morgan know that he has had to remove the MSA penning from inside one of his barns to an outdoor location due to his need for the interior space.</p>	

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	<p>Suggestion to tarp the penning as a minimum. Morgan will follow up with Colin.</p> <p>9.3 Getting Started in Sheep Workshop Gord Schroeder has gotten blessing from Saskatchewan to deliver the Starting Sheep workshop in a virtual format. The webinar would not be able to be recorded to be used again. Gord would be available to deliver a workshop in early to mid-January. It would be delivered in 4, 3-hour zoom sessions over the course of a week. Cost would be \$150/household, unless the MSA wanted to sponsor some portion of the cost.</p> <p>Wray will look into whether or not there are grants available. Morgan will follow up with Gord regarding the cost. The offering will be mentioned at the AGM as a potential upcoming event.</p> <p>9.4 Board Departures Thank you to Tracy Stykalo, Wendy Church and Sheri Bieganski for their years of service to the MSA. The three members will also be acknowledged at the upcoming AGM.</p>	
10.0 Next Meeting	The next Board meeting will take place after the AGM.	
11.0 Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.	