

NSIP Meeting

Thursday – June 18, 2015

7 p.m. CST

Minutes submitted by Lisa Weeks

Attendees: Matt Beals, Matt Benz, Rusty Burgett, John Carlson, Cody Hiemke, Rodney Kott, Jim Morgan, Reid Redden, Mary Sorensen, Lisa Surber, Lisa Weeks, Walt Williams

Agenda:

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports
 - Matt Benz moved to accept the minutes from May and Rodney Kott seconded. Motion passed.
 - Walt Williams presented our current financials (report attached). Our balance to date is \$25800 with a monthly loss of \$2750 and a YTD loss of \$25850. These losses are a result of grant related revenue received in 2014 and paid against expenses billed in 2015. Some discussion ensued on status of accounts receivable. Mary Sorensen reported that there are 81 flocks who owe funds for 2015. She will forward the list to Rusty for follow-up. Rodney moved to accept the Treasurer's report (attached) excluding the column titled Proposed Budget. Jim seconded and motion passed.
- Program Director Update – report attached at the end of the minutes. Key deliverables listed below.
 - NSIP will be featured at several events this summer and fall.
 - The first issue of the NSIP Newsletter has been positively received with great feedback. The original mailing list has already increased by 100 addresses.
 - Rusty will be meeting with the American Lamb Board on June 24 to request funding to help offset administrative costs over the next two years. NSIP is currently reviewing our flock fee structure and these additional monies will help to backfill the ALB funding. The fee structure has not been updated in five years and a proposed plan will be presented at the July 9 meeting for discussion. The plan will be finalized and presented for vote at the August 13 meeting by the board of directors.
- Committee Reports
 - Genomic Subcommittee - Jim continues to work on an agreement with USDA-ARS-NAGP in Fort Collins, Colorado to help in collection of blood from NSIP progeny tested sires.
 - No other committee reports were offered.
- Other Discussion Points
 - Creating Genetic Linkages
 - The technical team of Ron Lewis, Dave Notter, and Daniel Brown (Sheep Genetics) will help determine how best to create and set-up the genetic linkages.

- Data Run Errors – Errors in NLB and NLW were found the first of June on a data run. The equations were fixed and runs in the past 12-15 months will have new EBVs generated.
- There is also a concern over missing animals that will need to be monitored as the cause isn't known yet.
- Reid would like to forecast the 2016 enrollment and commitment for submitting data. Reid is asking the Breed Directors to create some guidelines of what minimum data and what percentage of the flock to submit. If we can forecast these numbers then we can better generate budgetary guidelines to work within.
- Cody Hiemke moved to adjourn, seconded by Rodney Kott.
- Next meeting scheduled for July 9, 2015 at 7 p.m. CST.



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