

NSIP Meeting

Thursday – May 14, 2015

7 p.m. CST

Minutes submitted by Lisa Weeks

Attendees: Ken Andries, Matt Beals, Matt Benz, Rusty Burgett, John Carlson, Carl Ginapp, Cody Hiemke, Ron Lewis, Jim Morgan, Reid Redden, Andrew Shaffer, Bill Shultz, Kathy Soder, Todd Taylor, Lisa Weeks, Walt Williams

Agenda:

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports
 - Ken Andries moved we accept both the March and April Secretary and Treasurer Reports. John Carlson seconded. Motion passed.
 - There was some discussion on spending and how to monitor spending against a budget. The executive committee has assumed the responsibilities of the dissolved financial committee. Rusty is creating a budget which will be reviewed by the executive committee. The budget scope will be dependent on if NSIP is awarded the grants that have been submitted.
- Program Director Update – report attached at the end of the minutes. Key deliverables listed below.
 - Primary educational goal is to provide a unified message that shows a clear value to the entire production chain; from purebred and seedstock, to commercial and lamb feeders.
 - Creating an NSIP YouTube channel where a series of tutorial videos on Pedigree Master will reside.
 - Attended a workshop on the Shearwell data management and EID system. This type of system could help streamline data submission for NSIP producers.
 - Creating a NSIP newsletter prototype aimed at NSIP producers, commercial producers and potential NSIP members. John Carlson suggested issuing this newsletter bi-monthly via e-mail as a starting point.
- NSIP Roles and Responsibilities – attached at the end of the minutes.
 - Each board member was sent a copy of the Program Director Roles and Responsibilities and the NSIP Office Responsibilities. Submit any comments or suggestions to Reid for follow-up by June 1.
- Committee Reports
 - Technical – Ron Lewis will be offered a similar contract as Dr. Notter. Dr. Lewis is working on a Genetics Project Proposal with 2 goals: 1) develop the tools we need in a sheep breeding program and 2) integrate industry, research, and education in a partnership to develop the next generation. Genomics are not a replacement for collecting phenotypic data. Genomics are a compliment that allows us to do it better. Through these efforts a high density and 50k chip can be developed that is tailored for the US Sheep Industry.
 - Genomic Subcommittee – Report attached at the end of the minutes.
 - Jim Morgan presented 2 motions for consideration by the board. Ken Andries seconded both and both motions passed.
 - Motion 1 – We move that NSIP sign a Genetics Materials Handling Agreement with USDA-NAGP.

- Motion 2 – We move that NSIP approves working with USDA-ARS-NAGP in Fort Collins, Colorado to implement collection of blood from NSIP progeny tested sires.
- Goat Committee – Report submitted by Ken Andries attached at the end of the minutes.
- Executive Committee – Report attached at the end of the minutes.
 - There are billing concerns from Sheep Genetics. Lambplan expects revenue from 80% of each lamb drop. A conference call was held with Hamish Chandler (Sheep Genetics)
 - Database fees are assessed at weaning, instead of post weaning
 - Discussing database fees for 2016 and beyond
 - Discussing access to AU web-based tools
- Jim Morgan moved to adjourn, seconded by Lisa Soder.
- Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2015 at 7 p.m. CST.



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