

NSIP Meeting

Thursday – September 17, 2015

7 p.m. CST

Minutes submitted by Lisa Weeks

Attendees: Ken Andries, Tom Boyer, Rusty Burgett, John Carlson, Carl Ginapp, Cody Hiemke, Rodney Kott, Ron Lewis, Jim Morgan, Bill Shultz, Kathy Soder, Mary Sorensen, Lisa Surber, Todd Taylor, Lisa Weeks, Walt Williams

Agenda:

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports
  - Ken Andries moved to accept the minutes from July and Rodney Kott seconded. Motion passed.
  - Walt Williams presented our current financials. We currently have ~\$24K with a \$15K fee due to Australia for data fees. Our enrollment income is a little down from previous years. Cody Hiemke moved to accept, Ken Andries seconded. Motion passed. Complete report included at the end of this report.
- Program Director Update – Rusty Burgett - report attached at the end of the minutes. Walt Williams moved to accept report. Jim Morgan seconded and motion passed. Key deliverables listed below.
  - Let's Grow Project is going strong with several Field Days and Workshops.
  - NSIP Case study videos will be scheduled this fall highlighting Range/Fine wool, Terminal, Hair, and Maternal.
  - Work has begun on the second round of grant submission requests for funding through NCIIC and Let's Grow.
- Executive Committee Report – Rusty Burgett – complete report attached at the end of this report.
  - The EC proposes three changes to the fee structure in 2016.
    - **1. Flock Enrollment Fee Change**
      - Option 1
        - \$100 base flock fee + \$2.50 per breeding ewe
        - \$400 maximum
        - \$25 per additional breed
      - Option 2
        - Sliding scale with fewer categories
          - \$100 for less than 25 head
          - \$200 for 26 to 50 head
          - \$300 for 51 to 100 head
          - \$400 for over 100
        - \$25 per additional breed
    - **2. Add an early bird discount to enrollment fees**
      - \$25 discount to enrollment fees if paid by January 31.
    - **3. Amend first year enrollment fee waiver**
      - Require a \$100 deposit toward database fees

- After a lengthy discussion centering on the enrollment fee change options presented, Ken Andries moved to adopt option 1 as presented. Rodney Kott seconded. Motion passed (1 nay).
- The early bird discount and the \$100 deposit for first year members were passed.
- Committee Reports
  - Technical Committee – Ron Lewis (full report for August and September attached at the end of the minutes). Rodney Kott moved to accept report. Cody Hieke seconded. Motion passed.
    - August report key deliverable: Connectedness evaluations provide a mechanism to improve the robustness of a genetic evaluation scheme and thereby provide the opportunity to achieve quicker rates of genetic gains within a breed.
    - September report key deliverables:
      - Technical Advisory Committee membership – current membership is at or near retirement. We need to encourage younger U.S. based scientists with skills in the small ruminant genetics to join. Additionally we need to recruit members with longer-termed experience working with livestock industries and in quantitative genetics to join.
      - Let’s Grow Funding opportunities presents options for seeking funds to support technical development work for NSIP.
  - Promotion & Education Committee – report from Jerry Sorensen included at the end of this report. Key Deliverables:
    - New add featuring our new look to appear on back cover of SIN.
    - Need subject matter for future articles.
    - Updating the old tri-fold brochure is under discussion.
  - Genomics Committee – report from Jim Morgan included at the end of this report. Key Deliverable – 15K SNP chip being sent to manufacturers this month.
  - Goat Committee –report presented by Ken Andries. Complete report attached at the end of this report. Tom Boyer moved to accept report. Walt Williams seconded and motion passed. Key Deliverables: Continuing to take advantage of all opportunities to highlight NSIP with producers both events and media. Committee working on getting necessary information to develop FEC EBV for goats.
- Tom Boyer moved to adjourn, Walt Williams seconded.
- Next meeting scheduled for November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. CST.



All, The August Treasurers Report Follows:

Attached are end of August Financials from Larry Kincaid and a Monthly P&L Analysis spreadsheet. Several items of note. Our current cash-on-hand is \$46K (\$24k is the ALB grant money to support Rusty's salary). Our **Pass-Thru Operations** (grants & data fees) show a monthly profit of \$24.2K because we received the ALB grant and some data fees. However, this money was deposited into our account after we paid Rusty's July salary of \$3K. That salary payment was expensed from our Ordinary operations which is the primary reason **Ordinary Operations** show a loss of \$2.1K. Unless the board disagrees, I don't plan to have Larry revise the August P&L which means the ALB grant monies will carry Rusty's salary one month further into 2016.

Year to date, we've collected \$24K in data fees but have only reimbursed Australia about \$9.4K meaning we'll need to send them a check for a bit less than \$15K in the coming few days/weeks. That will significantly reduce our cash on hand and probably result in a large loss for Sept or Oct Pass-Thru Ops.

Final note is that YTD we've collected enrollment fees totaling \$22K. This is slightly below our 2013/2014 average of \$23.5K with one month (Sept) yet to report for this fiscal year. Rusty is working hard on those that have not yet paid this year. GO RUSTY!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Walt Williams

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Subject: Promo Committee Report

I will not be on the call tonight. I have a veterinary convention.

Recently, Rusty, Terri, and I had a conference call. We discussed available funding and how best to put it to work. Terri has developed a new add that better features our new look. It also clearly credits our supporters, ASI and the Let's Grow Committee. SIN made us an offer on the back cover than was very generous.

She has also completed the next article. It reads very nicely and supports the use of EBVs. Mike Corn, Susan Schultz, and Reid are featured in the article. We do need to start looking for a subjects for the up coming articles. Feel free to send suggestions to any of the committee members.

Finally we have discussed update the old tri-fold brochure. Subject matter is still pretty good but needs to be updated with the new look. Hopefully before ASI convention.

Jerry

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**Subject:** RE: NSIP Board Meeting - Genomics Update

Hi,

There is a new 15K SNP chip that is being sent to the manufacturers this month.  
(this will do what Cody has been asking for).

It was developed with the International Consortium without any significant input from US scientists (as I understand it).

a) It has 400 known genes, b) imputation with the 50K & 700K ovine chips work well for AU & NZ.

c) genes & SNPs that I know about include, the MARC parentage markers, myostatin, prion (171, 136, 154), horn genes/markers, spider, Callipyge, Booroola (and other AU,NZ & SE Asian prolificacy markers), hopefully TMEM154 (OPP susceptibility too).

The cost of the chip is \$18 as of now.

Geneseek/Neogen in Lincoln NE is buying enough chips to service the US Sheep Industry.

I have a query in for the cost and the contact at Neogen says they are developing now.

So, somewhere between \$25 & \$50, a person will be able to get all of the above tests run with one sample submission.

Am sure they will accept hair follicles, blood cards or blood tubes.

Regards

Jim