

NSIP Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday – January 23, 2020

1 p.m. PST

Minutes submitted by Lisa Paris Weeks

Board Attendees: Matt Benz, Rusty Burgett, Alison Crane, Lynn Fahrmeier, Cody Hiemke, Tom Hodgman, Ben Lehfeldt, Jim Morgan, Brenda Reau, Reid Redden, Bill Shultz, Kathy Soder, Lisa Surber, Todd Taylor, Lisa Weeks

Presentations:

- Dr. Tom Murphy from USDA-MARC provided a research update and the future of sheep genetic selection. What should be considered when planning the ten-year horizon of NSIP?
- Andrew Weaver from West Virginia University presented research results on how immune response effects the overall health of an animal.

Open Forum:

- Possible new EBVs could include FEC (ewes), Famacha, longevity, fertility
- Work is being done to create an auto egg counter. Cost has not been established.
- There continues to be a disconnect between the number of flocks enrolled vs. the number of flocks submitting data. This could be as low as 25%.
- Resetting zero – the last reset for EBVs was in 1990. Dr. Lewis will be looking at the scope and determining the effect if the zero is adjusted (rebalanced).
- Flock 54 – all NSIP members can have access to the chip at a discount. The matter of who owns the data is still under review.
- NSIP needs to continue to build trust in producers that the science works.
- Breed Mentors – is it a good idea, how can it be implemented? Potential media options include YouTube and webinars. Additionally the website needs a refresh.

Business:

- There were approximately 40 people present including board attendees.
- Lisa Soder moved to accept the minutes from last year's membership meeting held in New Orleans. Matt Benz seconded. Motion passed.
- Bill Shultz presented a treasury report for first quarter 2020. Accounts Receivable is at ~\$20,000 in past data fees. A change being implemented for 2020 will require flock fees to be

current in order to receive data run information from LambPlan. Invoices will begin getting distributed monthly. Membership in NSIP is experiencing a plateau.

- Chris Schauer brought three recommendations from the Ultrasound Committee. Overall, there is a shortage in equipment and certified scanners.
 - #1 – Recommending use of linear carcass transducers and phasing out alternative transducers such as the cattle rectal transducer.
 - #2 – Requiring a certified scanner ID for carcass data submissions to NSIP effective May 1, 2020.
 - #3 – Allowing a “Hardship Waiver” for NSIP producers unable to find certified NSIP technicians.
 - Matt Benz moved to accept recommendation #2 and #3 seconded by Alison Crane. Motion passed.
 - Cody Hiemke moved to accept recommendation #1 seconded by Curt Stanley. Motion passed.

- Elections – The nominating committee (Bill Shultz and Cody Hiemke) presented a ballot and opened the floor for additional nominations. Reid Redden moved to close nominations, Lisa Surber seconded.
 - The 2020 NSIP Board of Directors Breed Group Coordinators (3 yr. term)
 - Hair – Jim Morgan
 - Terminal – Bill Shultz

 - The 2020 NSIP Board of Breed Directors (3 yr. term)
 - Targhee – Lisa Surber
 - Polypay – Todd Taylor

- Lisa Surber moved to adjourn seconded by Reid Redden.

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Agenda

- 1:00 - 1:10 p.m. Welcome and Introduction,
Rusty Burgett, NSIP Program Director
- 1:10 - 1:40 p.m. Research update and the future of sheep genetic selection,
Dr. Tom Murphy, Geneticist, USDA-MARC
- 1:40 - 2:00 p.m. NSIP Ultrasound Committee Report
Dr. Chris Schauer, NDSU HREC,
- 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. The future of genetic selection in the U.S. Sheep Industry- A
collaborative approach
Rusty Burgett, NSIP Program Director
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. NSIP Business meeting and board elections
Lynn Fahrmeier , NSIP Chair
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

NSIP Ultrasound Committee summary

1. **Equipment requirements:** The NSIP Carcass Ultrasound Technical committee recommends the use of linear carcass ultrasound transducers and the gradual phase out of alternative transducers, such as the cattle rectal transducer. However, if technicians can certify or recertify by NSIP standards using alternative probes, this is still acceptable.
2. **Certified Scanner Requirement:** The NSIP Carcass Ultrasound Technical Committee recommends that the use of a certified scanner ID be required to submit carcass data to NSIP, effective May 1, 2020.
3. **Hardship Waiver for lack of Certified Scanner availability:** The NSIP Carcass Ultrasound Technical Committee recommends that a "Hardship Waiver" be available if NSIP producers are unable to find certified NSIP technicians. The producer would submit the waiver to the Carcass Ultrasound Technical Committee for approval until a certified technician was available.
4. **Chair:** Christopher Schauer nominated and elected chair. Additional committee member added: Dallas McDermott

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<u>Print Name</u>	<u>NSIP member</u>
UsaWeeks	Yes
Gusty Borgett	Yes
Alan Co/ham	Yes
Bill Shultz	Yes
Robert Walker	Yes
Tom Hodgman	yes
Jeff Ebert	no
Carl Stanley	yes
Bob Gollis	No
Mr. Kauter	No
Dwight Kahan	yes
John Anderson	yes
Andrew Weaver	Yes
Kathy Lewis	yes (Lamb plan)
Kim Chapman	No
Amanda Everett	No.
Russell/11/21	no
Tamra Kott	no
Mack Hoogendoorn	no
Vance Broadbent	no
Chris Schauer	yes
Todd Taylor	yes
Cody Hienke	yes
Kathy Soder	Yes
Matt Dew	you Bet LA
Alison Crane	Yes
Ben Letteldt	yes
Suzanne Kitean	yes
James Morgan	yes
Lynn Fakhouria	Yes
Betty Sempel	No

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member</u>
Karissa Isaacs	NO
Mary Smallman	NO
Sicily Dixon Wilson	NO
Fouu Helle	NO
Kris Jones	NO
Stan Patrotz	NO
Ben Pejsar	NO
BRIAN BITNER	NO
Kyle Partain	NO
Brenda Reau	YES