

KHSI Board of Directors Meeting Teleconference April 17, 2025

President Dan Turner called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM EST.

Board members present: Dan Turner, Howard Covington, Cindy DeOrnellis, Mike Jones, Karen Kenagy, and Mandy Fletcher. Alan Culham and Brenda Scheider were also present. Justin Fruechte was absent for the first half of our meeting.

Dan asked the board to review the minutes from March. Mandy reviewed the minutes aloud and it was requested that the minutes be amended to replace the name typo. Cindy moved the minutes be accepted as amended. Howard seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed 5-0. The March minutes were accepted.

Alan presented the treasurer's report. Membership report and the registry report were also given. Registrations had a 27 percent increase, and transfers were down. Howard reported that the money market accounts are doing well.

Old Business

NSIP committee – Dan

Dan informed the board that GEMS has been completed and Alan will send the checks out. Alan will order 1 thousand copies of the NSIP Buyers Guide for \$1,180.

Digital Katahdin Registry – Brenda

Brenda reported that the data kinks were being worked out and she and Dan both agreed that the transition seems to be going very smoothly. Positive feedback has been received from excited members! Dan reported that Associated Registry has been very helpful during this transition. Many new Katahdin producers are becoming members and are using the registry for the first time with success. Brenda thanked all for their support and encouraged all to provide feedback to her.

New Member Packets – Brenda will work with the DK Communications Committee to finalize what goes into the packets.

Promotions committee – Mike

Mike has been placing ads to promote the sale by including sale photos and registration instructions in several magazines, including – but not limited to: Shepherds Magazine, Hobby Farms, Homestead Living, Plain Values, etc.

Expo Sale – Cindy

Cindy informed all that Brooklyn with CCI Company will be doing our internet portion and live sale this year. She has worked with us in past years. Fees should not change – Cindy is checking to confirm. This company can handle all monies and take credit cards.

Catalog – the committee decided to use Tyler this year and consider an advanced catalog in the future.

Entries are due July 1st.

Cindy and Alan will work to determine the best scenario for renting pens (owned by the youth livestock group – not the facility) and get a quote from the youth livestock group.

Cindy is looking for a sale vet.

Expo Committee – Mandy

Mandy presented the update from Marti. All presenters' bios are on the website. Online registration is open, and payment is up on website. Advertising continues to span far and wide, including the latest Hairald. Hotels are taking reservations.

Caterers have been booked and lamb meat confirmed. The social will include light food and a lamb cookoff. Team Signups and Sponsorship are being taken for the cookoff and ongoing planning continues by the work group.

Committee members are contacting vendors and sponsors.

Youth activities could include a bounce house. Marti will check to see if the expo venue will allow a bounce house. The potential for a youth skill-a-thon was mentioned.

New Business

KREG Grant Applications – Howard

A. Rocky Mountain Katahdin Association (RMKA) - Grant application was reviewed. Howard made a motion to approve their request and fund up to \$1,762.50. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. Coalfield Sheep Association - Grant application was reviewed. Cindy made a motion to approve their request for three events: June 28th to fund up to \$300; August 15/16th for funding up to \$862.50, and the December 16th Winter event up to \$262.50. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. Eastern Alliance for Production Katahdins (EAPK) - Grant application was reviewed. Cindy made a motion to approve their request and fund up to \$3,500.00. Howard seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Justin joined the meeting at 8:45pm.

Georgia Sheep Association event – Dan

Discussions occurred of KHSI getting a booth at the May 15th GA State Sheep Association event. Howard made a motion that KHSI sponsor the \$300 fee and set up a booth. Cindy seconded the motion, and the motion passed 6-0.

Dan announced the next meeting date to be May 15th @ 8 PM EST.

Cindy asked to discuss one more topic and made a motion to renew Alan's contract for an additional year with details to be worked out later. Howard seconded the motion. After discussion, Cindy amended her motion to include a \$250 per month salary increase beginning on January 1, 2026 with the 1-year renewal, and that no further details would need to be worked out. Howard seconded the amended motion. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken resulting in: Cindy – Yes, Howard – Yes, Mike – Yes, Justin – Yes, Karen – Yes, and Mandy – Yes. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

There was further discussion about the date for the next meeting, and it will be May 15th.

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting. Cindy seconded the motion, and the motion passed 6-0, and Dan adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Mandy Fletcher