

KHSI Board of Directors Meeting Teleconference December 19, 2024

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

Board members present: Dan Turner, Howard Covington, Cindy DeOrnellis, Mike Jones, Justin Fruechte, Karen Kenagy, and Mandy Fletcher.

Mandy presented the Secretary's report and asked the board to review the minutes from November 2024. Cindy moved the minutes be accepted with the one correction made concerning DK interviews. Howard seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. The November 21st minutes were accepted.

Alan presented the treasurer's report which also included the year-to-date profit & loss and the balance sheet. Alan also provided the membership report and the registry report. Registrations did not increase, however, transfers are up four (4) percent.

Old Business

NSIP committee – Dan

Dan reported that the committee, according to Michelle, was continuing with edits to the KHSI NSIP guide and the draft was forthcoming. January will be the next time for GEMS reimbursement.

Registry Implementation committee – Justin

Justin reported that committee heads and members are trying out the Digital Beef system to determine needed changes. The process is moving quickly and further details will be ready to release in the near future. Digital Katahdin contract is for 5 years. Digital Katahdin "help files" were discussed but tabled. Further board discussions will continue at the January meeting.

Administrative Applications – Justin & Dan

Justin reported that the screening committee (Justin, Dan, Cindy, Lynn, Robert and Henry) has 4 or 5 applications to present for interviews. Justin and Dan suggested that anyone from our Board who would like to sit in/participate on the interviews is invited and welcome to do so. Board members will receive additional info on candidates and have the opportunity to ask additional questions (beyond what the committee has formulated) at the interviews. The committee will schedule interviews the week of January 6th and invite the board by email to attend each interview.

Promotions – Mike

Mike reported that his committee will review and score the photos for the KHSI photo contest.

KHSI Membership List – Alan

Alan discussed the fact that there is a change in the online site for what member/farm contact information shows up online under the membership section. Inconsistencies with complete information showing up were found. PDF form was found to be a reliable way to locate information. A board consensus was reached that all member information needs to be displayed and easily located. Alan will send a newsblast to see if anyone wants to be omitted, they can contact him to confirm that.

New Business

2025 KHSI Budget – Alan

The budget was reviewed and modifications were made. Howard made a motion to approve the 2025 budget and Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried and the budget was adopted unanimously 6-0.

Next meeting: January 20, 2024 at 8pm EST.

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0, and Dan adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Mandy Fletcher