

# **KHSI Board of Directors Meeting Teleconference January 20, 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, Justin Fruechte, Karen Kenagy, and Mandy Fletcher.

Mandy presented the Secretary's report and asked the board to review the minutes from December 2024. Karen moved the minutes be accepted. Justin seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. The December 19th 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. Memberships are up by 300 members from last year – averaging around 100 members per year net growth. Registrations did not increase, however, transfers are up two (2) percent.

## **Old Business**

NSIP committee – Dan

Dan reported that the committee selected the cover and photo for the KHSI NSIP guide. They will apply for the last payment on GEMS reimbursement. There is no funding at this time to apply for the sheep center grant because the Farm Bill did not pass.

Registry Implementation Committee:

Administrative DK Registry Position Selection – Justin & Dan

Justin reported that interviews were conducted by the committee and KHSI Board. Each candidate had a wealth of value and knowledge to offer. He stated that the committee and board had a difficult time narrowing down to the final two top choices. Following discussions, Cindy suggested polling the board to determine the top candidate. Mike, Howard and Cindy preferred Associated Registry. Mandy, Karen, Justin and Dan preferred Brenda Lobdell Scheider. Justin made a motion to provide an offer to Brenda for the Administrative position with Digital Katahdin. Karen seconded. Discussions were held. During the group board voting, Mike stated that he objected to the motion. Mike requested that the board do a roll-call vote to determine affirmative votes and negative votes for the motion made to offer the position to Brenda. Roll call votes were as follows: Karen – Yes, Mandy – Yes, Howard – Yes, Justin – Yes, Cindy – Yes, and Mike – No. Motion passed 5 to 1. The offer will be made to Brenda, and if she accepts, a formal contract will be implemented.

Registry Implementation committee help files – Justin

Digital Katahdin "help files" were discussed again and Justin made a motion to purchase the Digital Katahdin help materials/files (\$1,700) to use for education and assistance/reference for navigation through the system. The materials/files will be revised and updated. Mandy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Promotions – Mike

Mike reported that his committee completed the review of photos for the KHSI photo contest. Howard and Mike are investigating publications and ads to several magazines. Dan gave updates about his promotion of Katahdins at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

**New Business**

Next meeting: February 20, 2025 at 8pm EST.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0, and Dan adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mandy Fletcher