

APRIL 16, 2026 KHSI BOARD ZOOM CALL MINUTES

President Cindy DeOrnellis called the meeting to order at 8:07 pm.

Present – Cindy DeOrnellis, Mandy Fletcher, Karen Kanegy, Ron Young, Dan Turner, Mike Jones and Alan Culham, Operations Manager.

Mike Jones moved to approve the minutes from the Board’s March meeting. Seconded by Dan Turner. Approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Earnings Statement through 3-31-2026:

Income	\$63,680
Expenses	<u>66,079</u>
	-\$ 2,399

Investment	
Income	<u>1,944</u>
	-\$455

Balance Sheet	
Assets	\$285,593
Liabilities	<u>13,505</u>
Net	\$272,088

Registrations	(2026) 1,779	which are -628 from 2025 -26%
Transfers	(2026) 702	which are -76 from 2025 -10%
Memberships	(2026) 1,722	which are +121 from 2025 +8%

Committee Reports

NSIP

Dan Turner Reporting

NSIP Committee Mission Statement: To champion and integrate the National Sheep Improvement Program as the premier genetic evaluation platform for Katahdin breeders and seed stock buyers by: supporting and promoting NSIP as a valuable data driven tool for genetic improvement. Educating breeders on effectively incorporating genomics and genomic estimated breeding values, (GEBV’s) into their breeding programs. Advancing the state of genomics and breeding technology for the Katahdin breed and the broader sheep industry. Promoting the strategic integration

of GEBV's with phenotypic predictors to maintain desirable maternal conformation. Empowering NSIP participants with the education and tools necessary to market the value of genetically superior animals to commercial flocks.

The committee is continuing to work on the new member mentoring project and are collaborating with the NSIP Board as they are currently redoing the new member on board process.

Digital Registry

Cindy DeOrnellis Reporting

John Merleau – reviewed the Digital Katahdin contract with Digital Beef (107X). His findings were that it's a legal document, written clearly overly loaded to the Provider!!

Registry – Sue

They are currently able to provide same day service. They are having issue with the postal service. They are using “help” tickets with 107X to help them problem solve.

Expo Committee

Dan Turner and Mandy Fletcher reporting

The meals are planned and contracted.

Promotion

Mike Jones, reporting

Finally able to have a committee meeting with 5 committee members.

KHSI will be doing a podcast with “Grazing Grass” as the host

Will be doing Quarterly (4 per Year) podcasts at a total cost of \$1500, paid for by promotion funds.

Linda Coffey, freelance writer, will be gathering articles for the Hairald and begin working on the Katahdin Guide.

Still looking for someone to work with social media for KHSI

Auction of Hairald ads will again be during the KHSI Annual Meeting this year

Mike Jones moved to limit classified ads to 75 words maximum with the “Summer” Katahdin Hairald. Seconded by Dan Turner. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Expo Sale

Cindy DeOrnellis reporting

Reducing to one auctioneer which will be Kyle George. Ringmen Steve George and Mike Jones

KREG Grant

Ron Young reporting

EAPK's budget for their event is \$10,150. They will receive \$3500 after Alan has verified receipts. Dan Turner moved to fund the EAPK request and Mandy Fletcher seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

A request by Babette Fief for a zoom meeting was passed on to KREG Grant Committee to ponder.

Hair Sheep Survey – University of Hawaii and Utah State Research Project.

Testing minerals and vitamin levels in hay. Any interested members can check with Alan Culham for contact information.

Next Meeting May 21, 2026 at 8 pm.

Dan Turner moved to adjourn. Karen Kanegy seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.