

NYBPA Special Council Zoom
Meeting Minutes
November 3rd, 2022 @ 7:00PM

Present: Exec Sec - Amanda Dackowsky, Officers - Ted Card, Phil Trowbridge, Skip Lear, Brenda Dermody, and Sara Fessner, NYBC Rep - Peter Lehning, Council Members - Kevin Jablonski (Region 12), Robert Church (Region 12), Sarah Hardy (Region 10), Barb Benjamin (Region 4), Marissa Phelps (Region 6), and Tim Pallokat (Region 5)

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM by President Ted Card.

Quorum established.

No corrections or additions to the agenda.

Financial Report

No official financial report given although all members were emailed financial report of activities from Jan 1 to Oct 31. Junior report of activities was also emailed. Discussed where the funds for the new website should come from as it was not in the 2022 budget. The cost will be in the ballpark of \$700. Tom Bailey charges for current website comes out of Phone and Internet but not enough in that account to cover the new website. It was decided to use money from Promotions as we budgeted \$1675 and have only used \$150 to date.

2023 Annual Meeting

Amanda presented four Syracuse hotels that reached out as possible locations for the 2023 Annual Conference. Two hotels were located downtown. Discussion. *Phil Trowbridge made a motion that we have the 2023 Conference at the DoubleTree Inn in East Syracuse. Brenda Dermody seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.*

Discussed the conference schedule. It was decided that we will do dinner and Temple Grandin Friday evening and then have a 2-hour lunch Saturday including the membership meeting and the awards. It was discussed not to have a dinner Saturday evening as it was the least attended meal last year. Phil suggested we could do a social hour with cash bar and appetizers Saturday after the end of the conference for those staying over or for people to stay and talk afterwards. Discussion. Amanda will check with the hotel on a later check-out option and appetizer options. Amanda asked if we should charge a non-NYBPA rate for dinner Friday night. We haven't done this recently but have in the past. Amanda will look at the cost of the dinners, but it was decided that an additional \$25 should be charged for those who are not a member of NYBPA/will not pay 2023 dues for Friday's dinner.

FOR-MOST Chute in storage at Ralph Lott's

Ted and Amanda informed the group that there has been some issues recently brought up with the chute that we had posted for sale. According to Steuben County CCE and NYBPA member Al Cisco, the former Southern Tier Beef Producers' Region (made up of Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, and Yates counties) as well as Steuben County CCE and Steuben County Legislature purchased the chute back in the 1990s, indicating that it is not NYBPA's to sell. Discussion followed. It was decided that Amanda and Ted will draft a letter to Steuben County CCE, who reached out to Amanda via email, to let them know that they have until Dec 1st to remove the chute from Ralph Lott's and do what they wish with the chute. If the chute is not gone by then, NYBPA can sell it. The chute has not been used nor has there been any inquiries for it in several

years. The gentleman who previously bid on the chute will be reimbursed for the chute if Stueben County CCE removes the chute from Ralph Lott's.

2023 Raffle

The 2022 meat raffle was not as profitable as was budgeted and this is one of our main fundraisers for the association. Discussion. It was decided that we offer 6 total prizes/drawings for beef and other things such as a pellet grill and cash options instead of the meat for people to choose. We will keep the ticket price the same (\$20) and reevaluate the raffle next year. Amanda will work with Skip to get exact prizes so that the tickets can be proofed and printed by Elma Press and go out in the December year-end mailing packet.

Junior Activities

2023 Junior Spring Preview

Sara stated she talked with James Foss and Dr. Keith Carlson about using the Genesee County Fairgrounds for the spring preview show. Discussion followed on the number of shows that fairgrounds is having in April/May and if we should pair up with a currently scheduled show or have our show on a stand-alone weekend. Sara will follow up with the Genesee County Fairgrounds. The preview show is usually in April – if stand-alone would be April 21-23rd. Sara did mention that many juniors expressed interest in having the Coby Classic Fall Show back. Fall junior show will be tabled to another meeting.

Sara reported there are 6 juniors signed up so far for the Nov 5th Cobleskill junior educational event.

Sara reported that she is working on the junior meeting and educational activities for the Annual Conference.

Other

Peter Lehning announced that the NY Beef Council has hired Deana Michaels as the new Executive Director. Deana has started in her new role and is off to a great start.

Tim Pallokat brought up that the Jr Advisor should be compensated in some form for their efforts and work, especially with all the travel that is involved. Brenda Dermody stated that there is mileage and tolls budgeted for the junior advisor and that the reimbursement form, which is on the website, needs to be filled out and submitted to her. The question was asked if the money comes out of the junior account or the general account. Brenda stated that if it is a junior event, the money would be taken from the junior account but if it were an event such as Beef Expo or NY Farm Show, the money would come out of that activity's account.

Next meeting

Due to unavailability of weekends in November and December, it was decided that in lieu of an in-person meeting, we will have 2 more Zoom meetings to go over specific items of interest, including the Annual Award nominees and the 2023 budget.

Phil made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19PM. Kevin Jablonski seconded. Meeting adjourned.