

NYBPA Council Meeting Minutes September 24th, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

R Lott & Sons Farms, Seneca Falls

Present: Sara Fessner, Ted Card, Rich Blazeski, Skip Lear, Tim Pallokat, and Amanda Dackowsky. Kevin Jablonski, Barb Benjamin, Daisy Trowbridge, Phil Trowbridge, and Larry Larabee via Zoom.

1. Call to Order- Ted Card called meeting to order at 6:40pm.

2. Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established

3. Approve or change agenda

Amanda Dackowsky changed in new business/added letter F. as 2023 Beef Expo.

Tim Pallokat moved to accept the agenda. Rich Blazeski seconded the motion.

4. Approval or correction of minutes from April 7th, 2022 Zoom meeting (*Action/Approval*)

Sara Fessner moved to accept the meeting minutes. Rich Blazeski seconded the motion

5. Treasurer's Report – Brenda Dermody

a. Financial Report (*Action/Approval*)

b. NYFB Membership Due

-Discussion of modifying the junior funding- the report reads that the juniors had made \$20,000 not that the juniors have brought in \$20,000 with any expenses. Report will be updated at the next council meeting.

-NYFB membership is due by November 30th and just needs to get paid

6. Reports

a. Cornell Advisor's Report – Ashley McFarland

No Report

b. President's Report – Ted Card

No Report

c. Executive Secretary's Report – Amanda Dackowsky

- We currently have 373 adult members and 201 junior members

-Scotty Crawford sent a letter congratulating us on our sale and thanked us for letting him auctioneer for us and he hopes to do business with us again next year

-Makayla Sugg sent a thank you note in regards to the Robert Card Memorial fund that she received from the Preview Show

-A mix of things are going on currently with the new website, there is a training coming up and transferring us to our new website starting in November.

-Junior Calendar, Annual Conference Speakers is currently in progress. Along with the year end mailing- this year is a directory year and we need renewals by January 31st.

-Beef Day at the NYS fair went well. The booth was in a new location in the barn which got more traffic

-Beef Excellence award is ending

-We reached our goal with NCBA which means we get a 15% rebate which is roughly \$2,000

d. NY Junior BPA Report – Sara Fessner/Daisy Trowbridge

-Not too much going on currently. We had a good day with the juniors learning about showmanship and judging. We are excited to see how the show goes tomorrow.

e. Beef Council Report – Peter Lehning/Jenn Hammond

No Report

f. BQA Report – Ted Card/Amanda Dackowsky

-Next meeting will be in November

-Amanda is on the BQA committee but the committee would also like to have a NYBPA representative.

-Sara Fessner will be our NYBPA representative

g. Herd Builder Sale Report – Skip Lear

-See income and expense report.

-We had a total of 3 consigners.

h. Empire Farm Days Report – Skip Lear/Amanda Dackowsky

-Skip Lear helped out. We just had a table this year in the Twin Clover booth. We did have some people stop and got new members and a couple renewals.

-Talked with the Murray Gray Association and they expressed that the attendance is very low and the show is the smallest it has ever been.

-Amanda Dackowsky and Ted Card thanked Skip Lear and Twin Clover for letting us have a table within their booth.

i. “Beef Farm of Distinction” Program – Amanda Dackowsky

-There is 9 applicants that sent in applications

-Have \$250 in sponsorship from Pine View Farms (There’s a follow up meeting to go over what will happen with that)

-Award will be presented at the annual conference in January

-Judges will not be committee members

j. Supreme Show Program Report – Amanda Dackowsky

-The Supreme Show was recent on August 30th

-We had 50 requests for bags and vests and had 32 heifers, 7 calves and 6 cow/calf pairs participate

-The information about the winners will be posted on the website and pictures can be purchased from Meghan Stephens (Meaganish Photography)

-From the show we had 5 new youth and 4 new adult memberships. We had it as a \$50 membership and a \$50 entry fee.

-Had 6 farms sponsor our divisions (Brenda will have report later)

-Tim Pallokat brought to the table that he suggests we reconsider and revisit the purpose. Tim expressed how the show has turned more into a money show and isn’t directed to what it was originally created for. The show was originally established to get county fair shows. There was some dispute. We will review and revisit at our next meeting.

-Also brought up was having a steer show-that we should be able to show how our steers are fed

7. Regional Reports

- Regions 1-13 report with regional news. ***Each region should be represented at the meetings with a director or officer. If you cannot be a part of the meeting, please email a report to Amanda Dackowsky to pass onto the council at the meeting.***

1- no report

2- nothing happening no new report

3- Hosted a BQA training this past July

4- Things are pretty quiet working with the cooperative extension on BQA and hosting a meeting in March

5- No events but trying to get more members

6- Nothing new

7- Next meeting is in January about pest management

8/9- None

10-None

11-None

12- Kevin- Pictures about junior ambassador program to set up. Good turnout couple vets talking about cattle grazing and nutrition, cattle health and wellness, public engagement and youth telling story, went around fair- Oct 1st CCE having fall round up grazing meeting. Erin and her family hosting.

13-Working on getting a meeting going

14-One member from region no representation

8. Old Business

a. 2023 Annual Meeting & Conference

- Would like to apply for the \$3,000 Corn Grower's grant towards educational activities
- Ramada in Liverpool January 20th-21st
- Temple Grandin key speaker going to pair up with the Calbermin Center on Saturday. They would put in \$1500 plus help with hotel, meals, and travel.
- Sara Fessner made a motion to have Temple Grandin be out key note speaker. It was seconded by Rich Blazeski. Amanda Dackowsky will proceed with Temple Grandin along with some sponsorships towards her fees.
- There was discussion of eliminating Saturday's dinner. Further discussion at our next meeting.

b. Equipment (for beef sandwiches) for sale

- Meat Slicers-\$50 each for 3 slicers from SK Herefords- post online and set price. Rebid on slicers. Going to see if SK Herefords will raise their bid.
- Cooker- SK Herefords \$1360.00 Association is taking bid.
- Squeeze Chute- Paul Startzski- \$1,000 for scale and squeeze chute accept bid.

9. New Business

a. Mission Statement – Proposed mission statement-

“To be a member driven voice to advance, protect, and preserve the New York Cattle Industry through producer education, youth development, and legislation.”

Members in other states- have mission statements. Sara Fessner made a motion to accept mission statement. Tim Pallokat seconded the motion. Accept mission statements.

b. By-Laws Proposed Change to Quorum

- minimum of 8 members 4 being regional representation.
- Region becomes inactive can point a member- no meeting after one year
- needs to be voted at meeting need 2/3 vote. Need vote now for amendments. Publish in next publication.

c. 2023 Meat Raffle/Fundraiser

- 10 different prizes, add prizes, stay at \$20- no freezer and get smoker, cash prize instead

d. 2023 Jr. Calendar

- Do not do the calendar for 2023. Make up sponsorship through extra meal ticket or extra ad

e. 2023-2024 Directory/Industry Memberships

- Would like to create an industry membership (feed mills, fertilizer, seed companies, etc.) They would get a card ad in the directory but not the newsletters.
- Industry memberships would be \$75-\$100 and would receive the newsletter and be in the directory according to what their industry is.

Tim Pallokat made a motion to create an industry membership. Seconded by Sara Fessner.

f. 2023 Beef Expo

- Skip Lear would like to change the date to later in the year
- Need new location that we can grow at
- NYAA would be interested in having a sale and working with us- would like to have 10-15 animals per breed to participate in the sale.
- Would like to have it in Erie County or Syracuse
- Harvest Fest in Erie County can take care of show, food vendors, put on educational for adults and youth, sale, internet

-Will table until next meeting.

10. Other Issues and Concerns

11. Next Meeting: Saturday, October 29th at R Lott & Sons Farms, Seneca Falls, 10:00AM

12. Adjourn at 8:49pm Sara Fessner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Pallokat seconded the motion.