

New York Beef Producers' Association
Annual Membership Meeting MINUTES

Date & Time: January 24, 2025 at 5:00pm

Location: DoubleTree Inn, East Syracuse, NY at the 2025 Annual Conference

Present: Skip Lear, Becky Kron, Zack Welker, Brenda Dermody, Betsy Hicks, Paul Shapero, Theron Proskin, Duff George, Galle Walleich, Brendan Reeves, Nicole Tommell, Rob & Bailey Bannister, Shane & Kristina Nesbitt, Sean Clevensline, Katelyn Card-Allen, Tim Shawl, Carolyn Shawl, Amy Barkley, Erin, Brayden & Graham Perkins, Bob & Brenda Lehman, Phil Trowbridge, Bruna Souza Simoes, Camila Lage, Steve Olson, Kearstin Knapp, Darren Knapp, Kimberly Travis, Charles & Cheryl Smith, Lincoln & Amy Ernst, Kevin & Gina Hulstlander, Rich Blazeski, Adam Murray, Kate & Bill Morrow, Phillip Dukelow, John Dukelow, Marissa Stafford, John Phelps, Karen Clark, Bill Moody, Patsy Moody, William Schonfeld, Allison Achonfeld, Meghan Potter, Tyler Lovett, Mike Baker, Mike Reese, Robert Frost, Angela Frost, Amanda Dackowski, Loraina Mesch, Lyle Mesch, Jolene Mesch, Karl Stang, Marcia Stang, Sonja Reichelt, Matt vonderLieth, Matthew & Elizabeth Kelley, Chrissy Claudio, Nancy Glazier, Reed Mitrowski, Katie Mitrowski, Peter Lehring, Nathan & Chelsey Nelson, John Kinton, Joseph & Roxanne Lawler, Richard Peebles, Craig Dorman, Beverly Dorman, Thomas Miller, Randy Librock, Kathie Librock, Logan LaFave, Katie LaFave, Julie Murphy, Shawn Murphy, Gavin Murphy, Kylie Murphy, Andrew King, JoAnne King, Anna Scoralick, Brendan Scoralick, Shelley Thorpe, Rick Murphey, Herman & Laura Weber, Tim Dennis, Dave & Ann Phillips, Julie Noble, Jason Cook, Jonathan Cook, Lee Cook, Barb Weeden, James Jeckel, Rose Reiling, Ben Reiling, Carlos Valery, Amerwik Valery, Melissa Fetterman, Tristan Tiffany, Ted Kriese, John Kriese, Joseph Mueller, Anne Derosie

Guests: Kevin Ochsner, keynote speaker

Skip Lear, President, called the 2025 Annual Membership Meeting to order at 5:15pm and led the gathering with the Pledge of Allegiance. Zack Welker, Vice President, welcomed guests and past presidents.

Approval of Agenda: John Kriese moved to approve agenda, seconded by Carlos Valery. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Robert Groom moved to accept previous annual meeting minutes from the 2024 Annual Membership Meeting on January 19, 2024. Seconded by Brendan Scoralick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report.

Brenda Dermody, Treasurer, presented the financials. Hard copy reports were out on the tables. Ted Kriese moved to accept the financial report. Seconded by Jerry Emerich. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

2025 Budget.

Brenda Dermody, Treasurer, presented the 2025 budget. Hard copy reports were out on the tables. Phil Trowbridge moved to accept the 2025 budget. Seconded by Phil Paradise. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS

President's Report: Skip Lear thanked Amanda and gave praise to Becky Kron stepping up to the Executive Secretary role. Skip also thanked the Association for being able to serve on the NYBPA board.

Executive Secretary Report: Becky Kron introduced herself and thanked everyone for their support over the last six months. Excited for this year's meeting, 30 vendors and over 200 attendees and a great agenda. Over 400 members in the association, reminder to get renewals in and that this year is a directory year. Reminder to sell beef raffle tickets, as it's our biggest fundraiser. Looking forward to a successful 2025.

NY Junior Beef Producers' Association Report: Anna Scoralick celebrated the Junior's accomplishments over the past year. The NYJBPA logo is new, and will be revealed tomorrow. Are planning on doing fundraisers and professional development opportunities. Anna thanked their supporters.

Cornell Advisor's Report: Dr. Adam Murray introduced himself and shared that he excited to be here and in his position as part of Cornell PRO-LIVESTOCK. He is trying to travel and meet people and get face time and establish the PRO-LIVESTOCK Program since he started in September, getting a website going and looking at doing a Beef Symposium or Hoof-to-Rail program as his goals in the next year.

NY Beef Council Report: Chrissy Claudio thanked the association for working together and shared highlights from the past year.

BQA Report: Chrissy Claudio shared that over 300 producers were BQA certified in 2024, and that NY standardized certification with national levels. Also highlighted Stockmanship & Stewardship event in the fall.

CBB Report: John Kriese thanked NY Beef Council for their efforts, and that NY is being watched and admired by the rest of the country. Also thanked Becky for her efforts and abilities with NYBPA. Commented on welcoming Dr Adam Murray to NY State. John is excited to be in the beef industry today and excited for beef demand. John is planning to go to Cattle Con in San Antonio and excited for that.

NY Farm Show Report: Becky Kron shared dates of Feb 20-22, will need help with hot roast beef sundaes. Sharing space with NYBC and five breed associations. Thanked the Glenister's for their efforts to be prepared, and will plan to order more beef so they don't sell out as early, raising prices to \$15.

Herd Builder Sale Report: Skip Lear shared that it was held May 6th, 2024 in conjunction with Trowbridge Sale. Net profit for NYBPA was \$2982.48. Next sale is May 3rd, 2025 again in conjunction with Trowbridge bull Sale.

Supreme Female Program Report: Becky Kron shared that 32 counties were represented in the show. Purina was the official sponsor, thanked them and other division sponsors. Thanked volunteers for their efforts. The Warren Bippert scholarship was awarded at the show as well.

Beef Farm of Excellence Report: Betsy Hicks shared that there are 5 farms to award tonight, strong sponsorship of the program and financials of the committee were shared on the tables.

Skip called a short recess for supper at 5:55pm.

REGIONAL REPORT

Region 1 – Skip reported there is a meeting planned for April.

Region 2 – none given

Region 3 – nothing planned but working on BQA for juniors

Region 4 – none given

Region 5 – none given

Region 6 – two meetings in early January, Dr Adam Murray presented on carcass traits

Region 7 – Joe Lawler reported very active year. Lots of programs with CCE Jefferson & Lewis Counties.

Region 8/9 – none given

Region 10 – none given

Region 11 – Carlos reported meeting is planned for March on vaccination & reproduction, plus pasture walks planned.

Region 12 – Ryan McLenithan reported that there is a BQAT training planned for January

Region 13 – none given

Region 14 – none given

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing brought up.

NEW BUSINESS

NYBPA Policy Update

Becky talked about rolling out a Policy handbook for NYBPA, there is a policy committee in place currently working on that. If interested, they welcome more people. Informal discussion at the hospitality room later tonight.

Election of 2025 Officers

John Kriese talked about the role of being officer and opened the floor for elections.

Election of 2025 President – Skip entertained a motion for nominations. Andrew King nominated Zack Welker, seconded by Phil Trowbridge. No further nominations for President, motion to close by Tom Miller, seconded by many. No opposed, all in favor. All in favor to elect Zack, no opposition, motion carried.

Election of 2025 Vice President (2 year term) – Margaret Meldrim nominated candidate Katie Mitrowski, seconded by Zack Welker. No further nominations. Ted Kriese moved to close the nominations. John asked Katie to say a few words, Katie addressed the gathering. All in favor, motion carried.

Election of 2025 Secretary* – Zack Welker nominated Betsy Hicks (2nd year), seconded by Amanda Dakowsky. No further nominations. Rick Coombes moved to close, seconded by Tom Miller, motion carried to close. All in favor, motion carried.

Election of 2025 Treasurer* – Betsy Hicks nominated Brenda Dermody (4th year), seconded by Zack Welker. Andrew King moved to close, Patrick Coombes seconded, motion carried to close. All in favor, motion carried.

*Secretary and treasurer can each serve up to 6 consecutive 1 year terms

Other Issues and Concerns

From the floor, it was brought up that Florida may have banned the sale of “test-tube meat”. Moved to policy committee for discussion.

Next NYBPA Council Meeting is Saturday, February 8th, at Lotts in Seneca Falls at 10:00am.

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Zack Welker moved to adjourn at 6:46pm. Seconded by Joe Lawler. All in favor. Motion carried.