Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors:

Shauna Brummet, President	Rhonda Deschner, Treasurer	Patty Hasselbring, Director
Jeff Williamson, Vice President	Karen Ball, Director	Andy Merriwether, Director (Absent)
Steve Aitchison, Secretary	Wendy Dittbrenner, Director	Mike Vigus, Director

Executive Director: Robin Gifford

Meeting: Conference Call - **Monday, May 18, 2020**
6:00 PM Eastern Time

Meeting called to order by Brummet at 6:06 PM Eastern.

1.0 Meeting Opening Brummet

2.0 Financial Report

2.1 Monthly Report — Deschner

Overall, finances are going well. Income is up $20K over last year, Expenses are below budget - much in part because of the cancelled events. Investments and expected accrued interest are up so far for the year.

2.2 Executive Summary — Gifford/Deschner

2.3 PPP + EIDL Update — Gifford

AOA applied for and was awarded two forms of financial assistance provided by the Federal Government to help during the pandemic. These will be very low interest loans which may be forgiven completely. AOA will apply for forgiveness, but is prepared to repay.

3.0 Secretary's Report Aitchison

3.1 April Minutes

Hasselbring moved to accept the minutes with edits, Deschner seconded. Approved 6-0 (Merriwether absent for vote, Ball and Dittbrenner abstained as they did not attend April meeting).

4.0 Old Business

4.1 SGS Fiber Testing Approval — Brummet

Gifford will work on a plan for regional collection sites for fiber samples to be sent off to SDS in New Zealand. Specific instructions will be provided. Aitchison moved to accept SDS as an approved fiber analysis lab, Deschner seconded. Approved 8-0 (Merriwether absent).

5.0 Executive Director Update/Dashboard

5.1 Dashboard — Gifford

5.2 Fleece Show Update — Gifford

"Pilot" Innovative Fleece Show continues to move forward. Rules will be adapted to our current restrictions and entries will be limited to 80 fleeces. The judging will happen in Lebanon, TN.

5.3 Election Update — Gifford

Gifford said voter turnout was low and encouraged efforts to draw attention to the voting deadline.

5.4 Board Orientation proposed dates and process — Gifford

New Board Member Orientation will be done by video-conference and will be scheduled according to new board members availability. Planning for the week of June 22nd.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Name Show Revitalization Task Force — Brummet

Show Revitalization Task Force has seven applicants and the Board accepted them as members of the Task Force. Gifford will help lead the group. Ball moved to accept the new members and start the Task Force, Dittbrenner seconded. Approved 8-0 (Merriwether absent).

6.2 Annual Meeting/Shining Star Process — Brummet/Gifford

Annual Meeting - Gifford and staff developed some ideas and presented them to the Board. The Annual Meeting would be developed ahead of time and presented online to the membership.

6.3 July Board Meeting - Revisiting the Strategic Initiatives — Brummet

The Board Meeting and election of officers would be conducted through Zoom Meeting or similar. Brummet discussed "retreat" aspects for the Board and how to do things virtually. Members of the board proposed keeping meeting in person on the table as July is still two months away.

7.0 Committee and Other Reports

7.1 Government and Industry Relations Committee (meets 1st Monday) — Merriwether

No report (Merriwether absent).

7.2 Judge Training and Certification Committee (meets 2nd Wednesday) — Williamson

The JTCC cancelled the Total Herd Fleece Clinic in September. They may combine that Clinic with the Halter Clinic in 2021.

7.3 Judges Advisory Committee (meets 1st Tuesday) — Vigus

No report.

7.4 Show Rules Committee (meets 1st Thursday) — Deschner

No report.

7.5 Fiber and Fiber Products Committee (meets 1st Monday) — Ball

No report.

7.6 Alternative Products Committee (meets 3rd Tuesday) — Aitchison

No report.

7.7 Membership Committee (meets 2nd Monday) — Hasselbring

The Committee continues to work on calling all new members and to work on Youth Membership programs. Membership Committee is working on a scholarship program that would work with a Youth Membership.

7.8 Affiliates Council (meets 3-4 times annually) — Brummet

No report.

7.9 *Ad hoc* Fleece Show Committee — Dittbrenner

No report.

7.9 *Ad hoc* Web Site (meets as needed) — Williamson/Aitchison

No report.

7.10 Registry, Petitions, and Appeals (meets as needed) — Brummet, Dittbrenner, Merriwether

None to report.

7.11 Grievance Review Committee (meets as needed) — Brummet, Hasselbring, Vigus

None to report.

8.0 Meeting Wrap

8.1 Contact the Board Update — Brummet

None to report.

8.2 Action Items — Williamson

8.3 Next Meeting — June 22, 2020 — Brummet

8.4 Adjournment Motion: Hasselbring moved the meeting be adjourned, Aitchison seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM Eastern.