



Board Meeting
August 10 at 5:00 pm
Missouri State Fairgrounds-Sheep Pavillion upper office
Sedalia, MO

Attendance: In-person: Cord Jenkins, Debra Minish, Kevin Minish, Travis Ellis, Matt Schmidt, Rachel Ancell, Harold Eckler, Jonah Lasater, Britton Francis- On the phone: Ray Jones and Becca Roberts, Luke Wilbers

Absent: Rod Jermanovich, Taylor Kemp, Abilenel Gaston, Mac Finley, Elizabeth Kiefer

Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm

I. Secretary Report - May 30, 2024

[Minutes were sent to all board members](#)

Ray Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Becca Roberts seconded the motion and motion passed.

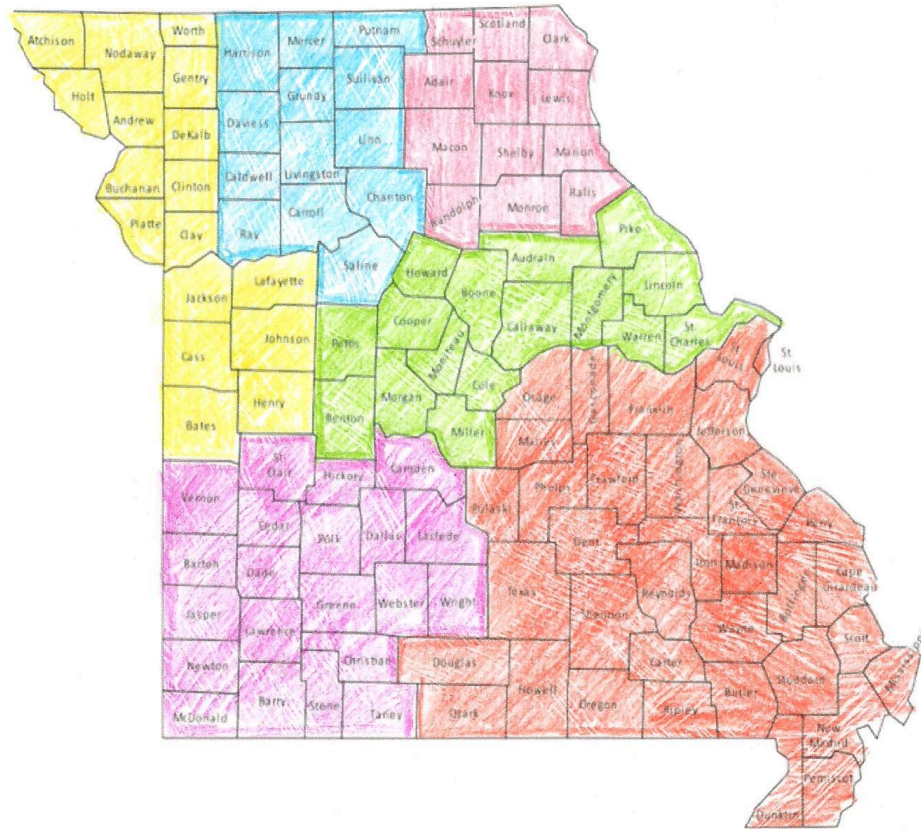
II. Treasurer Report - Deb Minish

A printout was given to those in attendance. Deb stated there were \$14160.55 in expenses to date and \$46,803.79 in revenue to date which results in a balance of \$32643.24. She stated there was a \$900 check that was still outstanding which was a reissued check. Deb is going to try something new for MSF Leadline and give the first three classes cash and only write checks for the older classes. Rachel Ancell pointed out a correction needed to be made on the report that it was listed she was issued a \$500 check and it was a \$50 check so with that correction it brought the balance to \$33093.24. Ray Jones made a motion to accept the report as given and Britton Francis second the motion and motion passed.

III. Old Business-

A. Nomination Committee for Board member elections- need all nominees to Christy by October 1, 2024 so it can be included in the October newsletter

Ray Jones made a motion to create a nomination committee for the annual elections to be held on Nov. 23 at the annual meeting. The committee will consist of Ray Jones, Travis Ellis, Cord Jenkins and Harold Eckler. Matt Schmidt seconded the motion and motion passed.



Constitution By-Laws regarding Officers and Directors
ARTICLE III, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Section 1. **Eligibility.** With the exception of President and Vice President any active or honorary member shall be eligible to serve as an officer of a member of the Board of directors. The President and Vice President are required to have previous board experience.

- Section 2. **Board Membership.** The Board of Directors shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, six District Directors (one from each District) representing six geographic areas, four At-Large Directors and two MSMC Directors.

- Section 3. **Officers.** A President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected by the active members present at large at the Annual Meeting to serve a term of two years. One Year is defined as the time period between Annual Meetings. The President and Vice-President are required to have previous Board Service and may not serve in any one office more than two consecutive terms. The Treasurer may

serve an unlimited number of terms if approved by the Board of Directors. Thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors will approve or deny the treasurer to run for another two year term. The Treasurer's duties will include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Maintain a MSP account at a reputable financial institution.
- Reconcile bank statements and provide copies to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.
- Deposit funds in a timely manner.
- Pay MSP expenditures in a timely manner.
- Communicate closely with the executive director/secretary concerning finances.
- Work closely with the Board of Directors in preparing the annual budget.

Section 4. District Directors. The District Directors must reside in the District from which they are elected and shall be elected by the active members present, at large, at the Annual Meeting to serve a term of two years. They shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The six Geographical Districts to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. At-Large Directors. There shall be elected at the Annual Meeting a total of four At-Large Directors by the active members at large at the Annual Meeting to serve a term of two years. They shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Section 6. Staggered Terms. The District Director from each District and the At-Large Directors shall serve staggered two-year terms, one-half of these Directors being elected by the active members present at each Annual Meeting on an at large basis. Even numbered District Directors will be elected on even years and odd numbered District Directors will be elected on odd years. All of these Directors are limited to **three consecutive terms in the same position.**

Section 7. MSMC Directors. The Missouri Sheep Merchandising Council shall appoint annually two members of the Council to serve as MSP Directors for one year terms. There are no term limitations on these two Directors.

Section 8. Nominations and Elections. Not less than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the MSP President shall appoint five active members from the Board and/or General Membership to a Nominating Committee. This committee shall nominate at least one person, and preferably two or more, for each position to be elected at the subsequent Annual Meeting. This committee will cause their Slate of Nominees to be circulated (mailed) to the General Membership

preferably 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be achieved by a letter signed by any five active members submitted to this committee 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting nominating any qualified member to any position. In addition, at the Annual meeting, the individual conducting the elections shall declare the floor open for additional nominations just prior to the election for each Officer and /or Director Position.

Section 9. Vacancies. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, the Vice-President will become President. The office of Vice-President shall remain vacant until the next Annual Meeting. Any vacancies occurring in the office of Treasurer or District Directors and At-large Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board. Such appointed members shall serve until the next Annual Meeting. Such Appointment or election shall only be for the balance of the unexpired term. MSMC shall fill any vacated MSMC Director positions.

Section 10. Attendance. Any MSP Board Member missing three consecutive meetings will be automatically forfeit their Office or directorship and a vacancy shall be created. The two Board Meetings immediately prior to and following the Annual Meeting shall count as only one "miss".

Section 11. Elections. The annual election of Officers and Directors shall be on the basis of at large voting for all positions (MSMC Directors excepted) by all active members in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Section 12. ASI Representative. The MSP Director or Delegate to the American Sheep Industry Association or any subsequent National Sheep Organization to which MSP holds membership shall automatically be the MSP President, or their designee in the event the President chooses not to assume this role.

The committee formed will be looking for nominations for these positions. It was stressed that we would like to have multiple people running for a position.

Offices Up For Election

District 2-

District 4-

District 6-

At-Large (Britton)-

At-Large (Jonah)-

B. Annual Conference-November 23, 2024-Carver Farm in Jefferson City, MO from 9am - 2:30pm

Discussion was held about what the theme or focus of this year's conference should be and was decided to be marketing. We need to have a wool component within the meeting in order to be able to use some of the wool grant money to help pay for expenses. We will ask Lois to set up a booth, fleeces will be on display along with Leadline outfits created by different members. There will be an update from Lincoln University and possibly Lynn Fahrmeier if he deems necessary about ASI. Starter Flock 2023 awardees will present their year end reports. Discussion was held about having a cooking contest with some local schools culinary departments. It was suggested to not have the starter flock during the lunch time so that there could be more networking between producers. Luke Wilbers made a motion to have the theme of the meeting this year be marketing. Motion was seconded by Travis Ellis and motion passed. It was suggested that we contact Reuben Hendrick who is a MSP member and had an article about them in the ASI magazine to speak on what he is doing in Koshkonong to help get the most for his money. Other speaker topic ideas were lamb survival. Christy will be making contact with speakers and vendors.

C. Starter Flock -

The board was asked to consider moving the starter flock application to November 1, 2024 with the decision being made at the annual conference board meeting. Recipients would be notified by the end of November and all receipts and pictures would need to be turned in by September 1 for reimbursement.

Jonah Lasater made a motion to move the starter flock application deadline to November 1, 2024 with all the other dates changing to follow. Matt Schmidt seconded the motion and motion passed.

- D. Missouri State Fair Kickoff -Christy Green, Mac and Misty Finley served meatballs to attendees. There were 500 meatballs prepared and only 35 were left at the end. Attendees were coming up to us before it started asking if we had the meatballs. There seems to be a following now and people are wanting to try the lamb. In regards to different events where MSP is serving meat the discussion was held about how we can continue to support those with American lamb. It was discussed using some MSMC money to help pay to purchase lambs and butcher them. Becca Roberts offered her family's butcher shop to help with the process. We would like to see brats made when doing this process to serve at these events as well. Superior Lamb was suggested to see if we could purchase a large quantity from them since they aren't doing the donations anymore.

IV. New Business

- A. Rachel Ancell gave the board an update on her experience in the Missouri State Fair Queen contest as the Missouri Sheep Producer representative. Rachel received 1st runner up this year. She has agreed to give her speech at the annual meeting this year.

- B. Christy asked the board to please change the date of all funding requests to December 1 since MSMC requests are due on December 30. Ray Jones made a request to change the date on the funding request to December 1. Deb Minish seconded the motion and motion passed.
- C. The board discussed whether or not the due date on the scholarship applications should be changed to February 1 so that they can be awarded before the end of the school year and whether or not scholarship applicants should be members of MSP. A motion was made by Matt Schmidt to move the due date to February 1 for the scholarship and seconded by Jonah Lasater. Motion passed. There was no decision made at this meeting regarding whether or not applicants should be members of MSP and was tabled for the February board meeting.
- D. The board decided that all starter flock recipients should receive one year of free membership.
- E. This year at the MSF there will be an additional sale before the Sale of Champions where the carcasses of the animals will be sold. MSMC has donated \$500 for this sale. It was suggested that MSP also make a donation. Jonah Lasater made a motion that MSP will give \$500 to match MSMC to the lamb carcass sale donation. Matt Schmidt seconded the motion and motion passed. MSF will invoice the organization for the donation.
- F. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Missouri Livestock Symposium in Kirksville on December 6 and 7, Kevin and Deb Minish will help to work the MSP booth.

At 6:35 pm Matt Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jonah Lasater seconded the motion passed.