



Board Meeting
February 3, 2024 at 1:32 pm
ASRC in Columbia, MO

Attendance: Cord Jenkins, Kevin Minish, Deb Minish, Christy Green, Travis Ellis, Elizabeth Kiefer, Harold Eckler, Abilene Gaston, Ray Jones, Mac Finley, Jonah Lasater, Rod Jermanovich, Becca Roberts, Britton Francis, Rachel Ancell, Matt Schmidt

Guest: Hallie Rider and chaperone

- I. Secretary Report - Aug. 12, 2023 and Nov. 19, 2023
Minutes were provided to the board members in print. Harold Eckler made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Mac Finley seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- II. Treasurer Report -
Deb Minish went through the treasurer's report which was provided in print to the board members. The balance of the account as of January 1, 2024 was \$41,818.79. Deb let the board know that there had been a charge for a bounced check but the bank reversed the charge. It was brought up again about putting a void after 90 days on the checks again. Deb stated that the bank said that would not change anything. Ray Jones made a motion to accept the report as presented and Mac Finley seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- III. FFA Speaking presentation
 - A. Hallie Rider- a contestant at the December 2023 contest presented her speech to the board about having a lamb concession at the Missouri State Fair. (Hallie and her guest left after giving her speech and answering questions)
- IV. New Business-
 - A. Funding Requests-All requests were given in print to the board members. Each request was read and discussed individually. The St. Croix Association request made by Travis Ellis was pulled after discussion was held. David Brown's request for a sheep health day was discussed. It was decided that Mac Finley would speak with David Brown about partnering up to hold a spring field day with the topics that David is suggesting in order to help fund the event. Ed Crowley's request of 50 lbs of superior meats from last year and the Minish's stated they

would get it to him. All other funding requests were repeats from years past like Lois Wisemann's for OMG, Women in Ag and State Fair along with Ed Crowley's request for support of Ozark Highland Fiber Fest. Elizabeth Kiefer made a motion to fund Ed Crowley's request and Lois Wisemann's request in full. Harold Eckler seconded the motion and motion passed.

B. FFA Speaking Contest-

At the MSMC funding meeting it was approved to move the amount for the speaking contest to \$2000. With this increase it changes to the payouts to 1st - \$300, 2nd - 200 and 3rd - 100. All district winners will receive \$200 for competing at state. The additional money will be used to help pay for the plaques. Christy Green will be taking over this event for Ed DeOrnellis.

The following will be printed on the website.

Awards

A \$200.00 first place award will be presented by the Missouri Sheep Producers to each of the district winners who participate at the state contest. Additional cash awards will be presented to the top three individuals at the State MSP FFA Sheep Speaking contest.

First Place: \$300

Second Place: \$200

Third Place: \$100

C. Budget-

Deb Minish prepared the 2024 budget and gave it to the board in print. The line for advertisement of \$500 was added to the budget due to adding ads to the newsletters and website. Abilene Gaston made a motion to accept the budget as printed and Harold Ecker seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding the expenditures section of the budget. Mac Finley made a motion to amend the motion that we remove the state fair building line from the budget. It was questioned why there was \$3010 on the trade shows and hardly any of it was used this year. The motion from Mac carried and passed.

D. ASI Representative-

2025 National Convention will be in Scottsdale, Arizona February 15-21 and we need a representative to go on behalf of Missouri. Rod Jermanovich made a motion to send Kevin Minish as the ASI Representative to the convention. Jonah Lasater seconded the motion and motion passed. ASI reimburses the representative but not for committees.

ASI is looking for people to join some of the committees. A list of the committees and responsibilities was given to the board and encouraged to look into joining some of these committees.

E. Membership Benefits-

Cord has spoken with the Kentucky and Indiana Sheep Producer Associations. Both of them are looking to buy wool pelleting mills as well. Ed Crowley's business class at SEMO is working on a proposal to be presented in April about the purchase of a mill. Kentucky's association has multiple shared equipment that members can use such as hoof trimmers, working shoots, transport cages and more. Cord suggested that once we get the information from the business class we look into the FCS grant that Curtis Fisher suggested to him. It was also suggested that we look into some MDA grants. In order to do this we need to be a 501c3 corporation which we currently are not so that would take some paperwork to accomplish.

Rod Jermanovich left at this point in the meeting

F. Advertisement in the Newsletter and on the Website-

There are currently listings on the resource page that no one knows where or how they were compiled. Rachel Ancell made a motion to wipe the resource page clean. Mac Finley modified the motion to start with the new paid ads from the vendors of the state conference with business card size ads at \$100 for the year. Ray Jones seconded the motion and motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding opening the advertising up to members. It was decided to allow members the opportunity to advertise in a one time breeders page in the April newsletter for \$40. If they wanted to be listed on the website it would be \$60 for both options. If someone wants to advertise but isn't a member they will need to pay dues first. Mac Finley made a motion that vendors from the state conference be allowed to advertise in the newsletter for a year for \$60 or \$100 for in the newsletter and website. Members would be able to put a listing in the breeders page in the April Newsletter for \$40 or do the newsletter and website for \$60. Becca Roberts seconded the motion and motion passed.

G. Reports

Kevin Minish gave reports about the Missouri Livestock symposium and ASI convention. Kevin urged members to be listening to what is going on in the industry and be getting involved.

H. MSMC Nomination Committee

There needs to be two board members from MSP to serve on the nomination committee for MSMC during the June 10, 2024 phone call. Travis Ellis and Cord Jenkins agreed to serve.

I. Annual Conference Review

Survey results were given in print to the board members. Cord asked that everyone be looking at those to help make changes for the coming year as we move forward. Ray Jones made a motion for the 2024 Annual Conference on

November 23, 2024 at LU Carver Farm. Matt Schmidt seconded the motion and motion passed.

It was suggested to have a question about the youth activities added to the survey.

J. Spring Field Day

Mac Finley made a motion to talk with David Brown about having a spring field day in the west central part of the state possibly around Clinton in late May. Ray Jones seconded the motion and motion passed.

K. Upcoming Events

June - State Fair Kickoff

Jonah Lasater made a motion at 4:07 pm to adjourn the meeting. Britton Francis seconded the motion and motion passed.