

Minutes of the MSBA Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Crowne Plaza, Lansing, MI

President Ben Bartlett called the meeting to order at 10:18 am.

Roll Call of Directors - Present: Averill, Bartlett, Bristol, Bronkema, Chapman, Lauwers, Ludlam, Schloss, Schut, Scovill, J. Scramlin, and M. Scramlin. **Absent:** Buckham, Oswald, Thorne

Minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting - Motion to approve by Schut, seconded by Deb Caryl. Motion passed to approve minutes.

Treasurer's Report- Pat Schloss handed out the treasurer's report. Motion by John Schut to approve, seconded by Deb Caryl. Motion passed to approve treasurer's report.

Executive Report - Maury recapped his activities as the Executive Director of the MSPA over the last year. There was also a written report in the registration folder.

Committee Reports:

Youth - Thank you for the support of the auction at the banquet. About \$3,700 was raised for the youth scholarship program. 55 youth participated in the youth program at the 2020 symposium.

Membership - Report was in registration folder. 285 members in 2019.

Communication - Report was in registration folder. Goals for 2020 were presented.

Small Flock - a history of the committee was given. The committee promotes Dr. Ehrhardt's programs to small flock producers and they are working on getting more small flocks to become members of the MSPA.

Commercial, Purebred & Club Lamb Committees - Congratulations to the Producers of the year - Matt Scramlin (purebred) & Scovill's Sheep City (club lamb). Please nominate producers for the 2021 awards.

Old Business -

4P Planning Process - Ben Bartlett gave an update on the 2019 fall 4P work session. It was a good day with lots of good discussion and plans put into place for the board to work on in 2020. Some of the action items - youth on the board; increase membership by 5%; increase touch points to our members; create 3 workshops based on the Michigan Flock Survey; and the Executive Committee to develop a succession plan for the MSPA board.

New Business -

Election - Motion by J. Scramlin, seconded by Schut to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion passed. Motion by Dave Towne, seconded by Deb Caryl to have the ballots destroyed. Motion passed. Elected to the board - Nick Berens, Heather Ludlam, Dave Meeuwse, Pat Schloss and Alex Scovill.

Newsletter Discussion - Communication committee will be doing 4 hard copy newsletters for 2020.

ASI Annual Meeting Representative - Motion by Schut, seconded by Deb Caryl to give power to Maury to select a member to represent MSPA at the ASI Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

By-Law Change - Motion by Schut, seconded by J. Scramlin to add the secretary to the Executive Committee of the Association. Motion passed. The board will either elect a secretary from the board members or appoint from the membership.

Additional agenda items:

- 2020 All American Jr. Show in Michigan. Looking forward to hosting.

- 2020 State Fair - The shearing contest will be back. It is going to be a qualifying contest for the national contest.

Motion by Schut, seconded by Averill to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Scovill
Secretary