

Minutes SCHSBI Board of Directors meeting Feb 12 2024, 7:00 PM EST

Crystal Criswell (CC), Elizabeth Hernandez (EH), Tamara Lambdin Abney (TLA), Lori Marion (LM), Jason Webster (JW), Amy Wheeler (AW) present. President votes on acceptance of minutes; votes on action decisions only when there is a tie.

1. Minutes from 8 Jan 2024 mtg: Motion to approve AW, 2nd by LM. Unanimous approval.
2. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer CC presented in Financial Issues Section

Current Projects /Issues

1. Grassroots Registry - Regular Check-In conference call 14 Feb 2024, outcome to be reported at March mtg.
 1. Removing animals for sale from list after 60 days
 2. Annual Survey July to encourage removal of sold or deceased animals
 3. Member search regions changed to by state
 4. 'Disappearing' Guest search option for For Sale, Hire or AI animals
 5. Rolling renewal of membership from date paid rather than 1 Jan annually.
2. Communications/Website
 1. Moving to SCHSB Google Workspace in progress - Tamara working on access
 2. Youth Conservationist Program - Impractical except for members local to Maryland. Flyer to be posted in full group chat section.- Motion for Crystal to post on St Croix group page Motion LM, 2nd CC, Unanimous approval, closed.
 3. Accessing member list and sheep for sale via website: AW suggested posting on website (?) and facebook group and business page, info about security issues of maintaining website list, GR better security and virtual marketplace.
 4. Membership in the Livestock Conservancy paid (\$25). We are now listed as a member organization, and we will have the ¼ page ad. 2
3. Genetics Project
 1. Presentation of Results 20 Feb 24 7 PM Eastern, with Committee meeting time/date to be decided following that. 29 registered participants. Dr M and Dr S confirmed. All directors welcome. .
 2. Committee to meet following webinar to develop ideas for use of data, and future projects.

4. Financial Updates and Decisions

1. Treasurer's Report: SCHSB Balance 1 Feb 2024: \$15305.72 across all accounts.
2. IRS non-profit status: Discussion on 501 (c) (3) or (5), and benefits of each based on IRS Rules. Further research current status. query SCHSB legal advisor, review historical documents, current info.

5. Virtual Store for SCHSB branded items on Website.

1. 'Virtual Store' (On-demand sales and shipping) requires Shopify or Etsy account to manage sales. Cost to maintain that account is prohibitive, and would reduce work-ability of store. Proposal discussed to have occasional sale of a personalized item for fund-raising purposes, with member to manage sales and shipping. CLOSED until fundraising is proposed.

6. Annual Meeting

1. Virtual learning webinar on NSIP, report from Katahdin producer Michelle Canfield on value of NSIP participation, NSIP expert as available (Jim Morgan?) to be scheduled when possible, possibly March.
2. Annual meeting 2024 - Virtual webinar, all members, required financial and business reports, plus present and discuss committee recommendations and options, possibly vote if appropriate at that time depending on committee's recommended actions, more discussion may be recommended.) Motion LM, 2nd CC, unanimous approval

7. Elections 2024

1. Continue to consider and speak to potential candidates, 2 vacancies if the 4 current directors whose terms expire Dec 31 2024 run again.

Next meeting scheduled Monday, 11 March 2024. 7 PM Eastern. Motion to adjourn AW, 2nd TLA, unanimous assent.