

**CSBA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
Sunday February 5, 2023  
6:00PM CST

**1. Call to Order** –Steve called the meeting to order at 6 PM CST.

**2. Roll Call** – Present were Steve Hampson, Scott Bredahl, Mike Geerts. Tom Sloan, Sara Hildebrandt, Ron Brandt, Mike Moenter, David Brown, Holly Courtney, Zane Van Horsen, Charles Worm, Karla Bredahl, Scott Blackman, Doug Hitch, Luann Wallewein, Hailee Hart, Heidi Klick.

**Absent** – Matt Jarvis, Doelene Pitt

**3. Karla Bredahl Jr Advisor Report**

- a. Jrs Board are having a meeting tonight Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Kids will be paired with a mentor from the Jr committee.
- c. Jrs are making final decisions for activities at the NSS, and a judge for the Jr Show at NSS.

**4. Secretary's Report** – Secretary's report was approved as read.

**5. Financial Report** -- All American Registry Profit as of 1.31.23 was \$1598.80  
CSBA Profit as of 1.31.23 was \$1064.33.  
Total Assets as of 1.31.23 were \$135,830.47.  
Total Liabilities as of 1.31.23 were \$10,143.96.  
Net Worth as of 1.31.23 was \$125,686.51.

**6. Montana Association**

a. Montana Columbia Board member Scott Blackman presented concerns about having the NSS at Miles City, MT. First is the lack of data from Columbia Breeders on their flocks, because Columbias have not done well at the Montana Ram Sale. The same would happen at the NSS. Without the data, we would not attract any buyers to our sale. The other item is with fleeces that are 25 micron or coarser up to 30 plus, it will hit the media that Columbias are too coarse, and we won't be able to sell sheep. Because of this, the Montana Columbia Breeders will go out of business. It just won't affect 1 year of an NSS, but long term if these Breeders go out of business. If you look at Montana - they were #2 in registrations, #3 in transfers, #1 in memberships. If you look at last year's NSS, Montana Columbia Breeders bought 13% of the sheep in the sale. Over the long term it could be detrimental to the assn. Scott suggested we move the sale to the western part of Montana where there is more disposable income for buying sheep and fleeces. He suggested alternative sites would be Kalispell, Bozeman, & Missoula all high population towns. The Montana Columbia Board still stands behind their letter from 2019 that a National not be held in Miles City. The CSBA Board had several questions for Scott.

- b. Montana Columbia Board Member Heidi Klick gave her support of a NSS in Miles City.
- c. Montana Columbia Board Member Hailee Hart gave her support of a NSS in Miles City. It would be a great opportunity for us as producers to bring sheep from out-state for everyone to purchase, specifically for those that don't have the chance to go to a NSS every year. It is also a huge opportunity for our Montana Jrs. who aren't able to travel to a NSS when it is in other states.

Ron moved to lay on the table making the decision on where to hold the 2024 NSS till our next Board Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> & passed.

## **7. Additions to the Agenda**

- a. Nominations for Silver Bell & Breeder of the Year

## **8. Committee Reports**

### **A. Audit & Budget: Mike Geerts, Chair**

- a. Met Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to review the proposed budget.
- b. Budget was made conservatively on the income side.
- c. The budget was put together based on past history.

Sara moved to accept the Audit & Budget report, was 2<sup>nd</sup> & passed.

### **B. National Show and Sale: Charlie Worm, Chair**

- 1.. Update on the Vet and he will be doing the AI workshop on Wednesday afternoon of the NSS.
2. Talked to the Clay County Fair, they are set to go.
3. Looking at local advertising over the local Country Radio Station. NW Iowa has a high concentration of small flocks of sheep.
4. A proposal for the 2025 NSS came in from the Springfield, IL State Fairgrounds. The bid is rather high, because of manure removal. There is a possibility of getting some money from their Chamber to offset the cost.
5. David presented bids for NSS – the first being Minot, ND at the State Fairgrounds. The hangup is that we would have to remove the manure and find a home for it. So right now, that does not look like a viable spot. Talked to the Complex in Gillette, WY we would have a similar set-up as the last time we were there in 2018, but they just notified us they have a conflict with the 2nd week of June for several years because of a cattle show. If we came the next week during the Midwest Sale, they would give us deals. Miles City, MT – It would be held at the Eastern, MT Fairgrounds, which holds the Montana Ram Sale in Sept each year. The Cost of the building is \$4,800, camping is \$30/night, and 3 hotels which gave prices of \$89 to \$109 per night. The chamber would donate \$2,800 and possibly would donate for the barbeque on Thursday night. There is a good possibility of more donations from their Ag Chamber in Miles City. Local attractions include the Range Rider Museum,

The Water Art Museum, The Beginning of the Yellowstone River, The Tongue River Winery, plus many others. Airport options are Billings, MT or Dickinson, ND about 1 ½ hrs. away. David also talked to Kearny, NE right off of I-80. They hold the Jr Hereford Show there the same week as NSS. If we came the next week during Sedalia, they definitely would give us deals. Holly added we could look into Tooele, UT.

C. Promotion & Membership: Sara Hildebrandt, Chair

1. Meeting was held Jan 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. Membership drive will end Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, drawing will be Feb 18<sup>th</sup> for Grand Prizes.
3. The Committee will not go forward with a membership survey.
4. 2023 Website sponsors will be sold at the banquet at the NSS promo auction.
5. Charlie went over all the costs & returns for the SOC, the SOC was delayed due to illness. We will look into getting more corporate sponsors for the SOC.
6. Will be putting together 15-20 second videos on talking about Columbia's.
7. Laid on the table to the next meeting a motion to have a scholarship for a member to attend a sheep event.

Sara moved to except the Promotion & Membership Committee Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> & passed.

D. Commercial & Production: Steve Hampson, Chair

1. The Committee met on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Data collection was discussed. Where to start, birth weight, 30-day, 60 days & 90-day weights to determine ADG would be a good starting point.
3. Would like to see more Breeders testing their fleeces, finding a central testing spot to send samples. Perhaps part of the fee could be covered by the Assn.
4. Do an analysis of the last 5 years data from the ram tests.
5. Do an analysis of the last 3 years' data from the NSS.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

A. David presented the 4 proposals for the Futurity Jackpot Show at the 2023 NAILE. Option D was selected, \$2500 total prize money, \$500 minimum to Champion. Will wait to see the class size and then determine all of the payouts.

**10. New Business:**

A. Ron brought his proposal for an on-line West Coast Sale to promote Columbias. Having it between the Ohio Showcase Sale & NSS. The platform to hold the sale has not been determined yet. The sale will be open to any Columbia Breeder.

Sara moved to approve Ron's On-line sale to be eligible for Futurity nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> & passed.

B. Steve is looking for nominations for the Silver Bell and Breeder of the year, email them to Steve. Then he will email them out to vote.

**11. Adjourn** - Steve adjourned the meeting.