

Minutes of the N-CSA Board of Directors Meeting – November 19, 2023

1:00 pm Pacific Time, 2:00 pm Mountain Time, 3:00 pm Central Time, 4:00 pm Eastern Time

A. Call to Order

The meeting, conducted by Zoom, was called to order at 2:08 pm MST by Chair Sheridan Langford.

B. Roll Call (Quorum requires 5 Board members)

Julia Alzofon, Bonnie Barcus, Irene Bernalley, Sam Cunningham, Sheridan Langford, Elizabeth Casso Lopez, Richard Marlar and Katherine Skye Tucker were on the call and constituted the quorum. Nikyle Begay and Mickey Willenbring were present as guests. Debby Bradford, due to technical difficulties and not through any fault of her own, was unable to attend.

C. Minutes of Previous Meetings - (10/29/23)

Richard moved that the minutes of 10/29/23 be accepted. Liz seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

D. Reports of Officers and Board

No Officers reports were covered in this limited topic meeting.

E. Unfinished Business

1. **2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

A number of venues for the 2024 meeting were discussed:

a. Farmington Museum: Irene reported that the Farmington Museum Director is on vacation until the 27th. After that time, we will have better information regarding whether we may bring sheep to the site. The Museum sent a contract and rental list for the first and second week in October 2024 (We prefer the second week of October).

Irene has forwarded this information to the Board. There is a hill in the back where we could set up and there are meeting rooms available. We would have to provide pens/corrals, water and there would be no camping. Mickey suggested that, if the Farmington Museum were chosen, perhaps we might do an AGM without livestock, but go ahead with the wool show. A restaurant would be an option for the banquet.

b. Sam reported that, for 2025 and beyond, the following locations are relatively inexpensive, have the required amenities and there are point persons available: **i) the McGee Park San Juan County Fairgrounds in Farmington, ii) Monticello, Utah iii) Mt. Pleasant one hour from Salt Lake City, Utah.**

c. Flagstaff and the Albuquerque Fairgrounds. Mickey looked into these. They are booked up for 2024 and expensive.

d. Nikyle and Richard discussed the Historic Gutierrez Hubble House and the Albuquerque Fairgrounds: The Historic Gutierrez Hubble House, located in the South Valley of Albuquerque might be an option. Contact persons are Katy Lente and Don Bixby. This location has hosted the Oveja Project and Farm Festival the 3rd weekend in October but we would probably have our AGM at another time if we chose this venue. They have acreage and are working on insurance for animals. There is a meeting room, the building is surrounded by a portal there is an orchard, pipe corrals, it is an educational agricultural station, food trucks might be available, it has cottonwoods for shade and there are nearby hotels, casinos and camping grounds. Richard states that Don Bixby suggested the **State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque** and Don might be able to facilitate our participation in 2024. This would be held in the first part of September and the Fairgrounds have all the features that we would need.

e. Richard mentioned that the **Valencia County Fairgrounds in Belen, NM** might be an option. They have the necessary facilities. Hotels are only four to five miles away. We might be able to camp on-site and it might be available in 2024.

*** It is expected that, by our next Board meeting on December 3rd, Richard and Irene will have additional information that will help us make a decision on a location.

2. **Nikyle Begay's Facebook Fundraiser - Nikyle Begay**

Nikyle's fundraiser was closed out at \$1525.00. Funds will be sent directly from Facebook to the N-CSA.

Nikyle's goal is, as a pilot program, to educate Kevin Aspaas and Hoss Billie on record keeping, Flock Book designations, ear tag use and get them N-CSA memberships and some of their stock inspected and registered starting with the oldest ewes. This would lay a groundwork so that they could do it on their own in the future. Nikyle might create an instruction manual so that others could do the same.

F. New Business

1. Treasurer/Banking - *Bonnie Barcus & Richard Marlar*

Bonnie has been changed to Administrator status with US Bank. Additional modifications need to be made in order to grant full privileges and add Richard as a user. Medina's help is needed for this.

2. Election of Officers - *Sam Cunningham*

Officer positions are currently held by Sheri as Chair, Sam as Co-Chair, Julia as Secretary and Richard as Treasurer. Nominations from the floor were requested and none were proposed. Sam called for a vote by acclamation and all four officers were voted in unanimously.

G. Set Next Conference Call Date & Adjourn

1. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2023 at the usual times to discuss AGM 2024 only.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm MST by Chair Sheri Langford.