

Minutes of the N-CSA Board of Directors Meeting – December 3, 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 2:07 pm MST by Bonnie Barcus who chaired the meeting.

B. Roll Call (Quorum requires 5 Board members)

Julia Alzofon, Bonnie Barcus, Irene Bennalley, Sam Cunningham, Elizabeth Casso Lopez and Richard Marlar were on the call and constituted the quorum. Debby Bradford, Sheridan Langford and Katherine Skye Tucker were unable to attend.

C. Minutes of Previous Meetings - (11/19/23)

Sam moved that the minutes of 11/19/23 be accepted. Richard seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

D. Reports of Officers and Board

No Officers reports were covered in this single topic meeting.

E. Unfinished Business - 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1. AGM 2024: Historic Gutierrez Hubble House in the Albuquerque South Valley on Historic El Camino

Real- Richard Marlar

Richard has sent location photos and venue information to the Board. If we choose the Hubble House venue, the AGM would most likely take place during the third weekend in October, the 19th and 20th. Richard requested questions that he will ask at an upcoming meeting between himself, his wife Audrey, Katy Lente of the Oveja project, Bernallio County (the property owners) and Don Bixby.

The facility has a large, main fenced-in area not far from the building into which we may be able to drive our trailers and set up individual pens for our sheep. We need to know if this can be done, if people may stay with their sheep overnight and if the gate can be locked.

We need to know what areas of the facility might be available and what each would cost. There is no auditorium but there are two conference rooms and various other locations. We need to know what permits (event, livestock or other) will be required, if livestock are already housed on-site, if out-of-State and other livestock are allowed, if an on-site veterinarian and insurance is required, how and where we might display our posters, are there connections to support a PowerPoint Presentation, are there spaces that might accommodate a separate space for N-CSA activities, an information table, silent auction and a wool show (indoors preferred). We would need chairs and tables which might be rented or borrowed locally. Do we need to rent “port-a-potty’s”? What are the provisions for clean up after the show? Publicity for the event via newspaper, radio or television needs to be considered.

We still need a “Point Person” for the event and we need lecturers. Due to the venue location, it may be appropriate to have a lecture about El Camino Real, a trail along which the Spanish brought Navajo-Churro sheep. El Camino Real Association might be a resource.

There is at least one nearby RV park in or near Isleta Reservation. There is a nearby restaurant, Abuelito’s, that does catering and we also might consider having the Business Meeting at the restaurant. Restaurants and hotels are close enough since this is the Albuquerque South Valley.

Sam has an excellent three-page outline for putting on an AGM that Joe Schlitt wrote for the one he held in California and she will forward it to Richard.

2. AGM 2024: Farmington Museum - Irene Bennalley

In addition to the information she has already provided, Irene reported that, as per Angie, sheep would be allowed for 1-2 hours on Saturday, the second weekend of October 2024, after the grower’s market is done for the day. The Museum venue has a 90 person capacity conference room that could be divided to create a space for 45. There would be no overnight parking. The Farmington Department of Parks and Recreation doesn’t allow sheep but there is an RV park on La Plata Highway who’s owner would allow 2-3 groups of sheep. They have horse pens, not sheep pens, so we would need to bring fencing. For the RV park, we would need to make reservations well in advance, calling in January 2024 and August/September to check for and confirm availability. The City of Farmington has plenty of restaurants and hotels suitable for the event.

3. AGM 2025: McGee Park/San Juan County Fairgrounds, Farmington, New Mexico - *Sam Cunningham*

McGee Park would be a great venue for 2025. It has all the facilities we would need but reservations might be required as early as January 2024. Sam will look into exactly when we might schedule.

F. Set Next Conference Call Date & Adjourn

1. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2024 at the usual times.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm MST by Bonnie Barcus.