

Minutes SSFC  
5/14/24

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by President Alethea. Four members were present in person, three via Zoom.

Secretary's Report:

Robin motioned that the minutes as sent to us last year be accepted without modifications other than those mentioned in the emails last year. Alethea seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

Our beginning balance as of 2/20/24 is \$3,425.15. There have been several renewals since the Annual Meeting and Insurance has been paid with a balance as of 5/14/24 of \$2,640.15

Old Business:

Recap of Annual meeting/Sheep Event: There were 26 attendees. The food was good (as usual). Gathering Under the Pines will continue in the Spring. There was an update on the yurt.

Several suggestions for next year were presented by Alethea.

New Business:

New Officers: President - Alethea Kenney; Vice President - Kelly Bellefy; Secretary - Kathy Belt; Treasurer - Margo Hanson Membership Chair will be rolled into the Secretary's job. The slate was nominated by Robin and seconded by Trudy. Motion approved.

Kathy sent out several requests for renewal letters and received four answers. She had bought a roll of stamps and there are some left over so they will be distributed to the President and Treasurer.

Robin Bellefy and Stacy Dresow are the contacts for social media. Robin for Facebook and Stacy for Instagram. A reminder to all to keep our pages full of ideas and events.

A brief discussion concerning the fees for the Farm to Fiber Festival held in conjunction with the Park Rapids Farmers Market was held. The status quo will remain.

It was mentioned that those who put in a lot of effort to set up, tear down, and run our events, especially the annual Sheep Event, should be recompensed. A motion was made that all participatory volunteers and presenters should have free entrance to the event. Renewal of membership will remain. Presenters will continue to be given a stipend of \$75. Motion passed.

It was noted that several presenters have refused the stipend. All should be reminded that we are a tax free 501c(3) and any donations made can be claimed on taxes.

The American Legion in Bagley has a grant available. We meet the criteria. We will be applying. The money will be used in advertising, perhaps for signage.

The American Lamb Board Producers Group also has a grant available. It is a matching grant. We will apply as well, as we meet all the criteria. The funds will go toward the AnMay's