



GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE FOR SUSTAINABLE BEEF

National Roundtables Minutes April 21, 2022

GRSB Members Present: Jacob Betros (ABSF); Monica Hadarits (CRSB); Samantha Werth (USRSB); Diana Caterine Forero (MGSC); Roz Davis (ERBS); Edward Moreno Coimbra (MBCS), Steve Dickie, Louisa Icke (NZRSB); Anne Gillespie (Textile Exchange)

GRSB Staff Present: Ruairaidh Petre, Josefina Eisele, Scott Stuart, Katie Ambrose, Julie James

Roundtable Presentation

No Roundtable presentation was given. MACS will be rescheduled. USRSB is scheduled to present in May; please contact julie.james@grsbeef.org or katie.ambrose@grsbeef.org on any questions pertaining to your presentation.

Translation on future roundtable calls or Josefina can help translate.

GCSB 2022

Petre reviewed the current draft of the Communicators Summit and Global Conference schedule provided in the meeting binder. There are a variety of topics including the Global Goals, Diet & Health, Water and Food Waste, Local & Regional Partnerships, Sustainability Communications, and more. Morning and afternoon breakout discussions will be grouped by regional roundtables. Translation will be provided for each of the groups and allow for mixing in various regions per breakout group.

Most speaker spots are slated although not confirmed. Speakers for the topic of Food Waste are still being identified. Other suggestion offered: someone from WBSCD or Brad Morgan from Colorado State University. The National Roundtable Celebration on Tuesday evening will be an opportunity to network, and showcase regional works and representatives, particularly, producers, farmers and ranchers from your respective countries. The National Roundtables are requested to collectively sponsor the celebration tailoring exclusively to roundtable activity. Katie Ambrose will be in contact with sponsorship opportunities.

The conference will conclude with three different tour options on Thursday. All tours will include dairy systems, cow/calf, feedlot, slaughter house, Colorado State University.

The Communicators Summit is open to GRSB members and GRSB network only. The Global Conference is open to all. The contract with the registration company has just been signed and all registration details including costs are being finalized.

Hadarits asked if there will be opportunity among the global roundtable to discuss and strategize for the *International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026* (IYRP). Petre stated this is an important discussion to have and it will be mentioned in a general sense at the Communications Summit.

Monitoring, Reporting, Verification (MRV) – Goals

Petre advised all three goals working groups are continuing to meet. Petre also reported an update on the RFP for a contract position to support coordination of the Monitoring, Reporting & Verification of the Global Goals and its reporting structure. Of the 5 proposals received, GRSB has narrowed them to two viable options although both are above the 2022 budget. Agreements are expected to be finalized within the next couple of weeks. This position will work closely with the Goals Working Groups, the National Roundtables and all GRSB members. The National Roundtables will be included in the Goals Working Group working closely with the MRV person.

Eisele added the extreme value and importance of having the collaboration of all National Roundtables even if a roundtable does not currently have a goal set. All working collectively together will be essential to measure the impacts that are happening on a national level.

Hadarits mentioned it would be good for the MRV position to consider how to leverage qualitative data.

A question was asked regarding any GRSB constraints around members sharing the GRSB newsletter, Connect with its roundtable members. Petre advised that the GRSB newsletter and webinars are benefits provided specifically for GRSB members. While such resources may be shared with discretion, GRSB request any non-member attending a call would affiliate themselves with the roundtable that shared the information and not with their own organization. This will also help GRSB honor the integrity of its membership.

Other Business

Petre asked if members participated in the recent Hot Topics Call. There was good feedback. Petre asked for ideas of how to engage active participation in dialogues on such calls. Gillespie recommended having breakout discussions with a task or challenge and report back to the larger group. If left to just the large group, most participants are hesitant to speak up. GRSB will explore breakout options in Zoom for future discussions. The next Hot Topic discussion will be on the EU Anti-deforestation Legislation. Eisele added that GRSB along with NWF and Textile Exchange are in the planning stages of this; any thoughts, speaker ideas or suggestions are welcome.

Future Agenda Items Requested

Please submit any request for discussion topics to Julie.james@grsbeef.org in advance of the next meeting to be added to the agenda.

The next Roundtable Meeting will be on **Thursday, May 19, 2022, 3:00 – 4:00pm Central US/Canada**. USRSB will be presenting.