

**MINUTES
GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE FOR SUSTAINABLE BEEF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022**

The Executive Committee meeting of the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef was called to order at 3:03 p.m. Central U.S. / Canada time.

Members Present: Ian McConnel, Bob Lowe, Justin Sherrard, Lucas McKelvie, Bob McCan

Staff/Other Present: Ruairaidh Petre, Josefina Eisele, Scott Stuart, Katie Ambrose

Opening Remarks/Executive Committee Report

A verbal affirmation of adherence to the GRSB Anti-Trust Policy was received from those on the call.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Lowe and seconded by Sherrard that the minutes of the October 10, 2022 GRSB Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

McConnel advised the primary purpose of this meeting is to review the global details regarding conference logistics in advance of arriving the following week, including schedules, speakers, and the Executive Committee's roles throughout.

Financial

Budget Planning Meeting

Discussion was had regarding the Annual Budget Meeting starting with a Strategic Planning Workshop in early January in which the Executive Committee could recommend a 2023 Budget to the Board of Directors based on the priorities identified. The idea of utilizing an external facilitator for the workshop was mentioned.

Potential Surplus

Sherrard inquired about the Committee's preferences for any potential surplus and discussion was had on prioritizing allocations on projects related to accomplishing the goals, and may not be necessary to add to the Reserve-Specified Fund due to the overall health of the organization.

It was moved by Sherrard and supported by Lowe to roll any surplus into the Strategic Planning in January. Motion carried.

It was suggested to send a survey to the Board of Directors asking for their potential surplus allocation preferences, in addition to inviting engagement in any GRSB working group.

2022 Strategy

There was discussion regarding a date and location for the 1st Quarter in person Board meeting. Possibly a 2-day meeting (1 day for E.C., 1 day for BOD) late February.

Executive Director's Report

COP27 Update

Petre reported GRSB is wrapping up final details of the various side events scheduled at COP, along with finalizing speakers for both GRSB's event on Nov. 17 and ILRI/GDP on Nov. 18. MHP has developed a postcard with all social media hashtags for conference attendees to use for the Global Conference and COP27. If GRSB's attendance at COP this year proves beneficial, allowance would need to be made in the 2023 Budget to attend COP28.

Regional Director's Report

Eisele shared Latin America's roundtables would like to see greater representation on both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. It was agreed that increased engagement in the working groups are the best places for increased representation.

Administrative Report

Board Elections

Petre reported voting for the new Board election will be open through Friday, November 4th and the outcome will be announced at the Global Conference.

New Prospective GRSB Members

New member considerations were given for Certified Sustainable, and Organic Systems and Solutions.

It was moved by McConnel and supported by McCan to recommend approval of Organic Systems and Solutions for GRSB membership. Motion carried.

Petre will contact Certified Sustainable for more information before approval.

Other Business

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be in person at the Global Conference in Denver, Colorado on November 6th, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m. Central US / Canada, immediately followed by the Executive Committee dinner.