**MINUTES**

**GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE FOR SUSTAINABLE BEEF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DECEMBER 6, 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, Jeannette Ferran Astorga, Bob McCan

Staff/Other Present: Ruaraidh Petre, Josefina Eisele, Scott Stuart, Katie Ambrose, Julie James

# 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 McCan and seconded by Ferran Astorga that the minutes of the November, 1st, 6th and 29th, 2022 GRSB Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

As requested, language in the minutes will be revised to say, “discussed” and not “agreed”.

# Financial Report

Sherrard reviewed the November 30, 2022 GRSB Financial Report reflecting $1,080,543 in revenues and $831,273 in expenses for a net surplus of $249,270.

Stuart reported the two primary expenses from the Global Conference are currently being reviewed for accuracy and will be reflected in December for both the hotel venue (Hilton) and audio/visual company (O’Design).

James reported the deadline to submit the final expenses for the grant is February 1, 2023; however, expects to submit them before the end of this year.

Petre added that SureHarvest has requested $10K from Phase 2’s budget to be reallocated for 2022.

It was moved by Sherrard and seconded by Lowe that the November 30, 2022 Financial Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Potential Surplus

#  A potential surplus of $100K is anticipated and will be budgeted toward goals project work in 2023.

# 2022 Strategy

Regional Roundtable Action Planning Meetings

McConnel suggested these Regional Roundtable Action Planning Meetings need to take place early January if not in December.

Eisele stated these Planning Meetings should include both Regional Roundtables and GRSB members. Eisele has a Latin American Regional Roundtable meeting on December 12th and will solicit a January meeting date.

McConnel stated he will work with Petre on updated slides highlighting the Strategic Plan and itemized actions needed from each region, to be presented at the Latin American Regional Meeting on Dec. 12.

Calendar invitations should be sent in December for these meetings. Petre will email each region requesting a Regional Champion to be identified, along with potential dates for the Regional Planning meetings on line.

An in person Executive Committee Planning Meeting is being considered at NCBA’s meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 1-3, 2023. A meeting room would need to be secured with NCBA.

1st Quarter Board of Directors Meeting

For some time in March 2023, suggested meeting locations include: Mexico City, Veracruz, and Querétaro.

McConnel suggested soliciting Board Member input for location to be added to the December 14th 2023 Board of Directors’ Executive Committee Election call.

# Administrative Report

GRSB Webinar

Petre reported the next GRSB webinar will be on December 15th, 2:00-3:00 pm Central US/Canada – “Financing Beef Sustainability”.

New Prospective GRSB Member

New member consideration was given for Victoree Angus.

McConnel will contact applicant for application clarifications prior to Executive Committee recommendation.

# Other Business

Petre advised having communication with *Beefree* (an Israelian drone company) regarding GRSB membership. Also, Petre will be traveling to Southern Africa in April to meet with the regional roundtable, as well as a meeting with ILRI in Nairobi.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be on January 10th, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m. Central US / Canada.