



1           The chair called for committee reports. Jim Matheson provided a report from the  
2 State/Regional Committee. The State/Regional Committee met on January 24<sup>th</sup> and reviewed  
3 the action plan developed during the October 2012 Summit. The committee also discussed  
4 developing a uniform format for reporting results from the live animal auctions and for  
5 providing more useful information on the sales. The committee is recommending that the NBA  
6 and State/Regional bison associations adopt the format for sale reporting developed by Dick  
7 Gehring, and that sale information from Gold Trophy and state/regional sales be moved to the  
8 members' section of the NBA website. Mr. Gehring reviewed his proposed format with the  
9 board. Discussion was held. Consensus was expressed to move forward with the new format as  
10 recommended by the state/regional meetings. Mr. Matheson said he would move all of the sale  
11 information to the members' section of the website. Participants at the state/regional meeting  
12 also discussed making better use of social media.

13           Mr. Flocchini called upon Robert Stirling, chair of the Commercial Marketers'  
14 Committee, to review the discussion from the meeting held on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The marketers  
15 reviewed the market conditions. They also discussed the importance of expanding the checkoff  
16 program. The committee also discussed future marketing ideas.

17           Boyd Meyer provided a report from the Gold Trophy Show and Sale Committee. The  
18 committee met on the 25<sup>th</sup> and had extensive discussion on the issue of allowing non-vaccinate  
19 animals in the Gold Trophy Show and Sale. No formal recommendation has come forward.

20           A recommendation has been made regarding the establishment of a Research and Science  
21 Committee within the National Bison Association. A motion was made by Lee Graese to  
22 authorize the establishment of a Science and Research Committee. Said motion was seconded  
23 by Dick Gehring, and carried.

24           Discussion was held on the Summer Conference for 2013. The NBA is working with the  
25 Dakota Territories Buffalo Association to schedule the Summer Conference June 26-28, in  
26 Deadwood, SD. Karen Conley reviewed some of the activities planned for Summer Conference.  
27 Dave Carter thanked the Dakota Territories Buffalo Association for their work in organizing the  
28 conference.

29           Discussion was held regarding the scheduling of the next International Bison Conference.  
30 One issue discussed was the importance of having a host committee willing to organize the  
31 conference. A motion was made by Russ Miller to schedule the next International Bison

1 Conference for 2017, unless the prospective host association requests a longer time period. The  
2 motion was seconded by Bill Edwards, and carried.

3 Dave Carter noted that the NBA office was contacted by an NBA member who resides in  
4 Canada with a request to become involved with the Canadian Wildlife Service review of the  
5 status of bison. Marvin Moore provided some additional information regarding the background  
6 on this issue. Following discussion it was agreed for the Canadian Bison Association to take the  
7 lead on this issue.

8 Mr. Carter reported that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have issued a proposal to  
9 exempt Alaska from provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

10 Discussion was also held regarding the potential publication of scientific literature  
11 documenting that wood bison were not a distinct sub-species of plains bison. Mr. Carter said  
12 that publication of that literature may support the delisting of wood bison based upon genetic  
13 factors.

14 Mr. Flocchini called upon Amil Kleinert to review with the board a proposed survey of the  
15 membership. Mr. Kleinert reviewed a series of topics that could be covered in a survey.  
16 Discussion was held. Mr. Carter said that a survey would be very helpful, but that it should be  
17 concise, and able to be completed in 10 minutes. Consensus was expressed to have the National  
18 Bison Association conduct a survey of the membership. Staff will develop a proposed survey  
19 and review it with the Executive Committee.

20 Mr. Flocchini directed the board's attention to unfinished business from the Wednesday  
21 meeting. Discussion was held regarding an NBA position on in-vitro fertilization of bison. Dick  
22 Gehring suggested that the NBA Code of Ethics address practices such as in-vitro fertilization.  
23 Following discussion, Russ Miller moved that the Code of Ethics be amended to include a new  
24 section stating that "(members shall not) practice in-vitro fertilization or other artificial  
25 reproduction practices for any purpose other than scientific research". The motion was  
26 seconded by Bruce Anderson, and carried.

27 Mr. Carter distributed to the board the conflict of interest statements for signature. The  
28 directors signed the statements and returned them to Mr. Carter.

29 Following discussion, the board expressed consensus to try and hold its meetings on the  
30 fourth Thursday of every other month. The next meeting will be scheduled for 5 p.m. Mountain  
31 Time, Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>.

1 Mr. Carter encouraged directors to provide feedback to the staff regarding the Winter  
2 Conference activities.

3 The chairman noted that the National Bison Association each year appoints one director to  
4 serve on the board of directors of the National Buffalo Foundation (NBF). Amil Kleinert  
5 currently serves as the NBA representative on the NBF board. Peter Cook made a motion to  
6 nominate Amil Kleinert to serve on the NBF board. Said motion was seconded and carried. Mr.  
7 Flocchini provided an update on the herd health issues.

8 The board recessed so that the Executive Committee could enter into an executive session  
9 to conduct a performance review of the Executive Director. The board reconvened in open  
10 session at 4:45 p.m. with no formal report from the Executive Committee.

11 There being no additional business to come before the committee, and upon motion made,  
12 seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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David E. Carter, Recording Secretary

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Amil Kleinert, Secretary

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