



33 2015. The compares with actual net revenue of \$25,507 for the first three months of 2014. A  
34 motion was made by Roy Liedtke to approve the budget. Said motion was seconded by Peter  
35 Kohl, and carried.

36 A motion was made by Peter Kohl to adopt the new dues structure of regular membership  
37 dues at \$250/year, Allied Industry dues at \$300/year, Friend of the Buffalo at \$60/year, with said  
38 increases to be effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, and with the three-year dues level set at \$700 to be effective  
39 January 1, 2015. Said motion was seconded by Roy Liedtke and carried.

40 Bob Stirling, chair of the NBA commercial marketers committee, reported on the  
41 marketers' meeting of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Stirling noted that the marketers' reviewed the 2014  
42 checkoff activities. The committee also discussed potential stronger utilization of social media.

43 Donald Beard provided a report from the Conservation Committee. He reported that Steve  
44 Torbet of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Glenn Plumb of the U.S. National Parks  
45 Service met with the committee on Thursday. He said the committee discussion was very  
46 productive. He said the Conservation Committee is still finalizing the mission statement. He said  
47 the conservation committee will play an important role in communicating with the conservation  
48 community.

49 Karen Conley provided an update on the Gold Trophy Show and Sale. She said that the  
50 consigners met earlier in the day in the Yards. Ray Thieman had attended the meeting, and  
51 provided a report. He said that the consignors are recommending implementation of pen of two.  
52 Ms. Conley said the GTSS Committee would be scheduling a meeting within two weeks of the  
53 Show and Sale to analyze the 2015 GTSS.

54 John Painter, a member of the association, provided a report on the State-Regional  
55 Association meeting. Keith Yearout asked if there was any criteria for what constituted a  
56 recognized state-regional association. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

57 The chair directed the board's attention to the International Bison Health Symposium,  
58 scheduled in Saskatchewan, CA in June. The Canadian Bison Association has voted to provide a  
59 \$2,500 sponsorship for the symposium. The National Buffalo Foundation has also provided  
60 financial support. Dick Gehring made a motion to provide a \$2,500 sponsorship for the  
61 International Bison Herd Health Symposium, with the funds to be taken from the Special

62 projects Retained Earnings fund. Said motion was seconded. Discussion was held. The motion  
63 was put to a vote, and carried.

64 The chair opened a discussion on the latest endangered species petition, which was filed in  
65 November by the Western Watershed Alliance and the Buffalo Field Campaign. Bruce  
66 Anderson, reported that Margaret Bayfield of the American Stewards of Liberty, addressed the  
67 Western Bison Association, and works to facilitate coalitions of ranchers and others to address  
68 these types of issue.

69 Discussion was held on the National Bison Association's development of a Best Practices  
70 Manual. Dick Gehring reported that he has been working with Brian Ward, Dave Carter and Bob  
71 Dineen to develop the draft of the Best Practices document. John Painter, recommended that the  
72 draft document be distributed to the membership. Tom Barthel said he had reviewed the draft,  
73 and that he recommended that the board discuss the draft before distributing to the membership.

74 The chair distributed conflict of interest statements that are required to be signed by each  
75 board member.

76 The board held discussion about the times and dates of meetings for 2015. The next  
77 meetings were set for March 18, a June date in conjunction with the summer conference in June,  
78 and for the third Thursday of July, September, and November. The standing time for the  
79 meetings will be 5 p.m. MST.

80 Dick Gehring provided a report of the National Buffalo Foundation meeting of January 22,  
81 2015. Amil Kleinert has been elected as the National Buffalo Foundation. Peter Kohl made a  
82 motion to appoint Dick Gehring as the official representative on the National Buffalo  
83 Foundation. The NBF board is requesting that the NBA board develop a written description of  
84 the responsibility of the NBA director on the NBF board.

85 Mr. Carter reported to the board that he and Ray Thieman, a member of the board, have a  
86 business relationship. Mr. Carter has purchased eight heifers in a larger herd owned by Mr.  
87 Thieman.

88 Discussion was held regarding the implementation of the dues increase, and thoughts on  
89 how to conduct outreach to potential members. Roy Liedtke and Bruce Anderson mentioned that  
90 the NBA Membership Committee has been inactive. Mr. Anderson appointed Keith Yearout to

91 chair the membership committee. Peter Kohl and Tom Barthel both volunteered to be on the  
92 committee.

93       Upon motion made seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

94       The executive committee convened in executive session at 4:30 p.m. The committee arose  
95 to open session at 4:45 p.m. with no report.

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101 Jason Moore, Secretary

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105 David E. Carter, Recording Secretary

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