**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Members of the National Bison Association**

**July 9, 2019**

**Radisson Hotel**

**Bismarck, North Dakota**

The Summer Membership Meeting of the National Bison Association was called to order by Past President Roy Liedtke at 3:15 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Radisson Hotel, Bismarck, ND, pursuant to previous action by the Board of Directors and notification to the membership. A quorum was present.

Dick Gehring provided a report of the President. He said that he did not have a formal report to provide.

The Chair called on Donnis Baggett, chair of the Finance Committee, to provide a year-to-date financial report. Mr. Baggett reviewed the YTD financial statement. He noted that membership is lagging slightly compared to 2018, but is catching up. Our advertising revenue is slightly ahead of budget. The Growth Fund is an area of concern, and needs emphasis. Year-to-date income of $477,121 through May was $18,242 below budget. Total YTD expenses of $472,001 were $15,014 below budget. After accounting for designated reserve and other adjustments, the YTD net results of $13,455 were $8,400 below budget. A motion was made by Ken Klemm to accept the financial report, as presented. Said motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Liedtke encouraged members to support the Growth Fund.

The Chair called upon Dave Carter for a report of the Executive Director. Mr. Carter noted that President Gehring has been active in attending state/regional meetings, and that President Gehring and Vice President Baggett both participated in recent meetings in Washington, D.C. Mr. Carter reviewed the NBA’s recent activities. He provided an update to the membership on the NBA’s efforts to address deceptively labeled water buffalo products in the U.S. marketplace. He also provided an overview of activities supported by the NBA Growth Fund.

Following Mr. Carter’s report, a brief open discussion period was held.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tom Barthel, Secretary

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David E. Carter, Executive Director