



1 American Bison Society conference in Big Sky, MT accounted for most of the one-month overage  
2 of \$2,175 in terms of travel and entertainment expenses. Also, a \$2,000 summer conference  
3 expense recorded in September will actually be a 2014 deferred expense. After the 5% reserve set-  
4 aside, the NBA is showing \$1,482 in YTD net profit, compared to the anticipated level of \$9,490.  
5 This does not reflect an adjustment that will be made based on reconciliation with the checkoff  
6 reserves. A motion was made by Bruce Anderson to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented.  
7 The motion was seconded by Lee Graese, and carried.

8 The chair reviewed the elections for directors and officers. Ray Thieman of Colorado and  
9 Peter Rooney of New York have been elected as directors from Region II and VIII, respectively.  
10 Their terms will begin on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Carter also reported that it is uncertain that Troy  
11 Bivens will be able to continue as a regional director.

12 The Board in August had directed the Executive Committee to develop a slate of  
13 candidates for officers' positions. Mr. Flocchini reported that the process is underway. Bruce  
14 Anderson has expressed his interest in being a candidate for President. Amil Kleinert has declined  
15 to seek another officer's position after his term as Secretary-Treasurer ends. The Executive  
16 Committee will be identifying candidates for the positions of Vice President and Secretary-  
17 Treasurer. The Executive Committee will complete that process and present the proposed slate to  
18 the Full Board via email. The goal will be to have the slate of candidates identified prior to the  
19 deadline for the next issue of *Bison World*.

20 Jim Matheson reported that the Winter Conference Planning Committee has been meeting  
21 monthly to plan the conference activities. The conference theme this year is *Rippin the Waves*.  
22 The Junior Judging competition will be held on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The scholarship prizes  
23 are \$1,000 from the National Buffalo Foundation, \$800 from the Rocky Mountain Buffalo  
24 Association, and \$500 from Rocky Mountain Natural Meats. Dr. David Kohl has been confirmed  
25 as the keynote speaker on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. He has agreed to a fee of \$3,000 (out of the  
26 \$5,000 authorized by the board) at the August meeting. On Thursday, there will be a bison burger  
27 contest. The NBA is seeking ~~S~~state/~~R~~regional hosts for the hospitality room.

28 Mr. Matheson also reported on the planning for the 2014 summer conference. The NBA  
29 has signed a contract with the Hotel Chateau on the Lake in Branson, MO, to serve as the site for  
30 the 2014 Summer Conference, scheduled for June 4-7. The room rate is \$125/night. The Missouri  
31 Bison Association originally agreed to assist as the host ~~S~~state/~~R~~regional ~~A~~association. However,

1 that willingness has been dampened by objections raised by some individual board members.  
2 Consequently, the NBA informed MoBA that we will not expect them to play a formal role in  
3 helping to host the conference. Members of the Kansas Buffalo Association have offered to assist  
4 the NBA in whatever capacity needed. Mr. Carter and Mr. Matheson reported that individual  
5 members of the Missouri Association have contacted the NBA to express their willingness to help  
6 with the conference. Jason Moore noted that there was comment made in MoBA correspondence  
7 regarding the communication from the regional director. He reviewed his efforts to communicate  
8 with the leadership of the association.

9 Mr. Carter reported that there are approximately 300 copies of the Bison Producers  
10 Handbook remaining in inventory. The staff has started to look at potential development of an  
11 updated handbook. He said that this process will be incorporated in the 2014 budget. In response  
12 to in inquiry from Russ Miller, Jim Matheson reported that the NBA had originally ordered 2,800  
13 copies of the handbook, and that the Canadian Bison Association had ordered 2,200 copies.

14 The chair directed the board's attention to the report of committees.

15 Roy Liedtke provided a report of the Membership Committee. The NBA currently has  
16 1,027 member. This is a slight increase over the past few months. He noted that there is a  
17 disconnect between the membership numbers and the membership revenue, and said that the staff  
18 is looking into that. The membership committee met on October 14<sup>th</sup> and discussed recruitment  
19 ideas. The committee will be working with Sstate/Rregional Aassociations on a targeted NBA  
20 member recruitment campaign. The committee is also planning to work with zoos to join as  
21 Friends of the Buffalo. He noted that additional efforts need to focus on membership  
22 renewal stention.

23 Boyd Meyer provided a report of the Gold Trophy Show and Sale Committee. At the last  
24 board meeting, a motion was passed to "approve removing the Bbangs vaccination requirement for  
25 the Gold Trophy Show and Sale, subject to concurrence from the GTSS Committee." Following  
26 the board meeting, Jim Matheson and Mr. Meyer conducted an email vote of the GTSS  
27 committee. The proposal to remove the Bbangs vaccination failed on a 4-3 vote, so there will be  
28 no change in the rules.

29 Jim Matheson reported that requests for proposals have been sent to Rocky Mountain  
30 Natural Meats, and to Double J Packing to handle the market class processing. Also, the  
31 registration is now open for the 2014 Gold Trophy Show and Sale.

1 | Mr. Carter reported on the Commercial Marketers' Ceommittee. The new BisonFinder app  
2 | is now live, and the NBA is working to populate the site with as many locations as possible. He  
3 | encouraged board members to provide information regarding locations that offer bison meat.

4 |       The NBA is actively preparing for the FFA convention later this month, and the National  
5 | Association of Farm Broadcasters on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Carterr said he would be working with  
6 | Robert Stirling and Bruce Anderson to begin developing the semiannual marketers' survey for  
7 | distribution in November.

8 | Jim Matheson noted that there is nothing new to report from the Sstate/~~#R~~egional  
9 | Ceommittee.

10 | Mr. Carter provided a report of legislative and regulatory issues. He noted that the federal  
11 | government shutdown is impacting nearly all of the NBA's legislative and regulatory priorities.

12 | The Washington Roundup was a strong success, with 14 members participating. The  
13 | delegation held an extensive series of meetings with USDA, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the  
14 | U.S. Trade Representative's Office and with members of the Senate and House of Representatives.  
15 | Details of those meetings are covered in his written Executive Director's Report. Many of the  
16 | action items from the Roundup are stalled because of the federal shutdown.

17 | There is movement in Congress to finalize a new Farm Bill. The House conferees have  
18 | been appointed, so the House/Senate Conference Committee will begin to reconcile the  
19 | differences in the two versions of the bill. The NBA is continuing to communicate with the  
20 | conferees regarding the importance of disaster assistance programs and research initiatives.

21 | The Bison Day resolution was formally introduced in the Senate on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, by  
22 | U.S. Sens. Michael Enzi (R-WY) and Tim Johnson (D-SD), along with 19 co-sponsors.  
23 | Consideration of the resolution is delayed because of the congressional budget talks. Several  
24 | activities have been planned around the country in observance of National Bison Day which will  
25 | be November 2, 2013. The NBA has developed advertising and promotional materials tied to the  
26 | event.

27 | The trade talks between the U.S. and the European Union have been put on hold as a result  
28 | of the federal budget shutdown. The USTR has agreed to push for elimination of the 20% tariff  
29 | requirements on bison. The National Bison Association has been asked to nominate a  
30 | representative to serve on the USDA's Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee for Livestock.  
31 | That committee particularly serves as a sounding board for trade negotiators during discussions

1 such as the Free Trade Agreement. President Cook has written a letter nominating Mr. Carter for  
2 the committee, and all of the paperwork has been prepared for submission when the government  
3 reopens.

4 | Mr. Carter and Mr. Matheson reported on the American Bison Society Conference held in  
5 Big Sky, MT in September. This year's conference focused heavily on the topic of wild and free  
6 roaming bison. Unlike the conference two years ago, the topic of cattle genetics in bison was not a  
7 major topic. It was very important to have private producers represented at the conference,  
8 because some participants seemed to advocate that bison in commercial production herds were an  
9 impediment to the expansion of free-roaming herds. Mr. Matheson reported on follow-up  
10 correspondence he had received from Peter Dratch of the U.S. National Park Service regarding the  
11 continued undomesticated nature of bison in commercial herds.

12 The chair called upon directors for reports from their regions.

13 | Russ Miller provided a report from Region I. He reported that NPR had a story ~~on NPR~~  
14 about the reintroduction of bison on Ft. Belknap. The story claimed that the animals are among the  
15 last "genetically pure" bison. Discussion was held. Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Dratch was  
16 emerging as a reasoned voice in this discussion. Mr. Carter noted that Mr. Dratch will be invited  
17 to the NBA Winter Conference.

18 Boyd Meyer reported from Region II. He noted that the Rocky Mountain Buffalo  
19 Association had a successful fall meeting at the Denver Mountain parks. The drought has been  
20 replaced by excessive moisture

21 Karen Conley provided a report on Region III. She reported that the recent blizzards have  
22 | created serious losses for cattle herds. There have not been ~~extensive-any known reported~~ losses  
23 for bison producers. She said that the DTBA is working to be a part of the information network  
24 regarding disaster assistance. The North Dakota Buffalo Association is preparing for its meeting  
25 and sale in January.

26 Dick Gehring provided a report from Region IV. He said that Kansas has just enacted new  
27 | regulations for Trichinosis testing in bison. The Kansas Association has generally followed the  
28 state health rules for the cattle industry. Because Trichinosis has not been a problem for bison, the  
29 Kansas Association may request an exemption from that practice. Mr. Gehring requested for  
30 input from other members. Karen Conley noted that South Dakota has "opted out" of that

1 requirement. Jim Matheson reported that a Trich test is required for the GTSS, because of being a  
2 requirement of the National Western Stock Show.

3 Lee Graese reported from Region V. He said that the Minnesota Association is preparing  
4 for its Legends of the Fall Show and Sale in November.

5 Jason Moore provided a report from Region VI. He said that he has had an initial  
6 conversation with Jim Pohl of the Michigan Bison Association about merging Michigan  
7 Association with the newly-formed Indiana-Illinois Bison Association.

8 Marv Moore provided a report ~~as from~~ the International Director. He reported that Canada  
9 has been in negotiations with the EU for the past four years. The CBA is requesting that bison be  
10 moved to a different protocol than bison in those agreements. The Canadian Bison Association is  
11 planning its annual winter conference is November 10-12 in Regina.

12 Mr. Carter provided the Executive Director's report. He noted that he will be at the  
13 following events:

- 14 • FFA Convention: Oct. 29 – Nov. 1
- 15 • CBA Convention: Nov. 9-11
- 16 • NAFB: Nov. 13-16

17 The chair asked for any additional issues from the board members. Karen Conley reported  
18 that she has seen reports about recent outbreaks of Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) in bison.  
19 She noted that South Dakota State University is performing some of the clinical tests on the  
20 deaths. She said she would check with SDSU regarding any incidence of the disease in bison.

21 The next meeting was set for 5 p.m. MST December 11.

22 There being no additional business to come before the board, and upon motion made,  
23 seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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25 Respectfully Submitted,

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28 Amil Kleinert, Secretary  
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2 David E. Carter, Recording Secretary