



June 2021

The Bison Rancher

Official Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Bison Association

Join us as we co-host the 2021 NBA Summer Conference

Who: YOU

What: Attend the summer conference

Where: Little America in Cheyenne, WY

When: June 27-29

How: Register online at bisoncentral.com.

Why: Networking, education, ranch tours & so much more!



Join us in June in Cheyenne

By John Graves, RMBA President

Time is running out to register for the NBA/RMBA Summer Conference taking place June 27-29th in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Besides a great lineup of educational presentations and the opportunity to visit multiple RMBA member ranches, we will also be doing our annual elections and general membership meeting.

If you are not already registered for the Summer Conference, please do so as soon as possible. And remember: RMBA members get special conference pricing!

This year's conference will be held at Little America in Cheyenne. The deadline to register for the special hotel rate is June 4 and conference registration is due by June 11. Visit <https://bisoncentral.com/nba-summer-conference/> for more information.

The RMBA Board and I are looking forward to seeing all of our members at this summer conference. Jen and I have missed meeting with the board in person and seeing all of our members and cannot wait to see everyone at the end of the month.

RMBA Meeting & Elections

RMBA will hold our annual general membership meeting and elections during the NBA/RMBA summer conference.

The annual meeting is the perfect time to provide feedback to the board and get timely updates on issues facing our industry, both regionally and nationally.

Each year elections are held for the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary positions, all of which are one-year terms. This year, those currently holding those positions are seeking re-election. (See a list of current officers on page 2.)

Two Board of Director positions are also up for election this year, each of which are for two-year terms. These two positions are currently held by Ace Ward and Nicole Jeffries, who are both seeking re-election.

If you are interested in running for any position, please contact RMBA Elections Chair and Treasurer Patty Smith at 303-906-2638 by Monday, June 14 so we can include your name on the ballot.

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Elections are held annually at the Spring General Membership Meeting. Meeting minutes & financials are available from the Board Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **See you in June**

By John Graves, RMBA President

I hope that you are all doing well and enjoying calving season. It's my favorite time of year to log into social media and see so many RMBA ranchers posting photos of their "red dogs." Spring always seems to bring an optimism for another great year.

So far this year, the RMBA board has been busy helping to coordinate the summer conference. From the members I have spoken with recently, we are all looking forward to seeing more of our friends gather together and get back to normal. I hope that many of you consider attending the summer conference so we can reconnect with you later



this month in Cheyenne.

This year will be full of new challenges and opportunities and I look forward to working with the board to continue to provide our members with news, advocacy, networking & more.

Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

NBA/RMBA is pleased to offer some great sponsorship opportunities that will give you high visibility while helping us keep the conference prices affordable. We are again offering added-value benefits for each of our primary sponsorship levels:

NBA Sustainer **\$1,000 or**
NBA Booster **\$ 500**

A general sponsorship level that will provide your company with appropriate visibility on throughout the conference. You'll also receive recognition in bison World magazine and in our Weekly Update E-Newsletter.

Added Value for all Sponsors

We appreciate your sponsorship and want to support you as well by providing maximum visibility for your sponsorship and promotional commitment. As a sponsor, you'll receive an amount of Bison Bucks that can be used toward advertising, membership renewal, conference registrations, and all other services offered through the National Bison Association.

For more information, please contact Eloise Mongillo, NBA Director of Development at eloise@bisoncentral.com or 860-558-0638.

		BISON BUCKS	
SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	AMOUNT	ADDED VALUE	
NBA Sustainer	\$ 1,000	\$	300.00
NBA Booster	\$ 500	\$	150.00



NBA SUMMER CONFERENCE AGENDA

SUNDAY- JUNE 27TH

Registration Open at 4 pm - Little America Resort

Conference Reception & Center of Excellence Fundraiser - 5 pm



2021

SUMMER CONFERENCE

Rebooting and Regenerating

MONDAY

7:30 AM Depart for Memphis Ranch
9:30 AM Depart for Cold Creek Buffalo
NOON Lunch at The Terry Ranch
2:00 PM Drought Mitigation 101
3:15 PM RMBA & NBA Member Meetings
4:30 PM Bus Returns to Little America
6:00 PM Dinner and Benefit Auction

TUESDAY

9:00 AM Bison Emergencies 101
11:00 AM Bison Fencing Panel Discussion
NOON Lunch at Little America
2:00 PM The Emerging Carbon Market
4:00 PM Bison Marketplace Update
4:30 PM Center of Excellence at SDSU
6:00 PM Closing Banquet Dinner

Please Register by June 11th at www.bisoncentral.com

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