



American Romney Breeders Association

2017 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the American Romney Breeders Association was called to order by President, Chris Posbergh, at 7:45 p.m. EDT at the Blue Fish Grill in Flemington, New Jersey. Introductions for all attending were completed, and board members attending included Chris Posbergh, Randy Thompson, Charlene Carlisle, Anne McIntyre-Lahner, Allison Seyfert, Emma Rogers, Sue Kalina and Betsy McPherson. Chris introduced and welcomed Emma Morton Rogers to the board, representing District 1 as the newly elected Regional Director.

Chris provided highlights from the secretary's report and treasurer's financial report. Secretary/treasurer, JoAnn Mast, was not in attendance. Minutes were recorded by Anne McIntyre-Lahner and prepared for distribution by JoAnn. The death of Lynn Barnes and the dispersal of his breeding flock was reported, a fee increase by Associated Registries on September 1 and distribution of new member packets by JoAnn were items announced by Chris.

Melissa Higgins asked how monies are allocated to the ARBA junior member account. Chris explained the fund raising process for support of junior events sponsored by ARBA. A motion to accept the secretary and treasurer reports was offered by Ron Andress and second by Steve Shafer, motion carried.

The President's report was given and points of interest included: registrations are down a little, transfers are up, membership is the same as last year, a higher balance in the bank account was announced and it was suggested that support be given toward the promotion of the Romney breed, need to prepare an educational piece on tail docking length and allow for member input, and the results from the white division of the National Show were announced.

The annual meeting of ARBA will be held in conjunction with the Black Sheep Gathering, June 29- July 1, in Albany, Oregon. This decision, to meet earlier in the year, will require an adjustment to the schedule in place for electing board members. This will be addressed at the board meeting to be held tomorrow.

Discussion from the membership included questions and comments from Melissa Higgins and Hilary Chapin. Information regarding breed standards and tail docking was addressed and a question for clarification on decisions made by the board versus made by the membership was presented. It was also suggested that National Shows be held at venues that will attract a larger audience and keep Romneys available for public viewing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne McIntyre-Lahner, Director At Large