



### Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the board of the American Romney Breeders Association was called to order at 5:15 p.m. EST, November 11, 2016 by Chris Posbergh, president. Members in attendance included Posbergh, Randy Thompson, Charlene Carlisle, Anne McIntyre-Lahner, Allison Seyfert, Katherine Moore, Don Burgess, Betsy McPherson and ARBA secretary/treasurer JoAnn Mast. Board members unable to attend included Karen Nichols, Scott Culver and Carolyn Harwell.

Minutes from the September conference call were presented and accepted with a motion from Randy and second by Allison. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer's report included balances as of October 31, 2016: General Checking - \$8,491.02 Junior Checking - \$1,923.93 CD - \$15,722.40.S

The agenda was reviewed and no additional items were added by the board members. The secretary/treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Anne and second from Charlene. Discussion pertaining to funds in the junior checking account resulted in the use of the account for national junior promotion and education (NAILE, All-American, Futurity project). Funding of activities for junior members at the district level will remain in the general ARBA account and be managed by the board and district directors. Outstanding payment for the futurity program was discussed, Charlene will talk with Greg Deakin to determine where monies from MDSWF were sent. 2015 and 2016 payments were not received by the treasurer.

Old business included a review of the work to clarify paperwork and registry requirements for Moorit colored Romneys. Information will continue to be collected and shared with the membership as it becomes available. The recommendations set forth by the board, and posted in the minutes on the ARBA website will continue to be followed.

JoAnn presented an update on the IRS filing for reinstatement of the non-profit status for ARBA. No reply since the submission of paperwork and payment in May 2016. It was moved by Anne and approved by the board to have \$500 available to determine the course of action needed to have ARBA return to non-profit status. Money would assist in the fees needed to secure help/advice from a tax preparer or attorney. JoAnn will conduct another on-line search for our listing and make calls to try and determine our current status. Outcomes will be reported and further work, if needed, implemented.

New business started with discussions regarding the 2017 National Show, Sale and Annual meetings. Allison provided a proposal for having the show and annual meeting at the Garden State Sheep & Fiber Festival in Ringoes, New Jersey. The schedule presented included a check-in on Thursday, September 7, 2017 with the current board meeting and annual meeting/dinner held on that day. Friday would feature

the White Romney Show and a meeting of the newly appointed board. Natural colored sheep would show on Saturday morning and a fleece show and sale would be conducted later in the day. Discussion regarding the National Sale led to the decision this site would not be the most appropriate for an oral auction of breeding stock. Further work will be done to determine a location for the National Sale. Charlene was asked to contact Greg Deakin for possible options. The proposal for the show and annual meeting was approved by the board following a motion from Randy and second by Don.

Committee Reports were provided as follows:

Advertising (Charlene) – no new activity, flock record books and decals are available.

By-Laws (Scott) – no report, action was taken earlier in the year to adjust the age of junior members.

AI-ET (Karen) – no report, work by the committee on Moorit colored Romneys reported earlier.

Policy & Procedure (Anne) – Committee presented documentation for a Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policy for ARBA board members. Following a review of the proposal and discussion by several board members, the proposal was tabled for further consideration.

Web site – no report, comment regarding slow action by Doug. Posting is up, problem solved.

Ramblings – news for next edition needed soon. Reminder that directors need to submit to Cindy.

Education (Anne) – Breed Standards proposal. Initial work had been posted on the website with an invitation for comments from the membership. Response was good, with some useful comments for the committee to consider. The decision to have one standard, with explanation for color differences, was accepted. Items that received attention and have been discussed include: maturity of the animals at 2-3 years, acceptable black spots on the hair surfaces of white Romneys, spotting in the wool (color or white), pink nose pigment, endtropion, loose skin under chin, and preference for black with gray mottling over black/gray with pink mottling on the nose. A comment regarding the tail docking for show animals was referred to the by-laws committee. A motion by Katherine and second by Randy ended in an unanimous vote to have the edited breed standard adopted and posted to the website.

District Reports: No additional presentations.

Annual meeting and dinner – To be held at the Sheraton Riverside on Saturday, November 12, 2016. A silent auction will be held, with proceeds supporting the national junior member fund. This was passed with a motion from Katherine, second by Anne and full support of the board.

A motion to adjourn was provided by Katherine, seconded by Anne and approved by the board.

Meeting ended at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by

JoAnn Mast, ARBA Secretary