

American Romney Breeders Association
Board Meeting, January 11, 2014

1. The meeting of the board of ARBA was called to order by Ron Andress, President, at 1:07 p.m. EST. Meeting was conducted with connections through Premier Global Services.
2. Members in attendance: Ron Andress, Charlene Carlisle, Chris Posbergh, Scott Culver, Anne McIntyre-Lahner, Hilary Chapin, Jane Caulfield, Margaret VanCamp, John Shelton, Al Schwider, Tracy Haslem, Christiane Payton and JoAnn Mast.
3. Secretary's report: None provided due to transition in secretary/treasurer.
4. Old Board Minutes were reviewed and edited by members in attendance at meeting. Motion to approve minutes: Margaret VanCamp
second: Charlene Carlisle
Motion Passed

Question on the process to approve minutes by John Shelton. Motion is to approve the minutes, with edits. Voting by those in attendance at the old board meeting, new board members abstained.

5. Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed and amended for a vote to approve.
Motion to approve minutes: Anne McIntyre-Lahner
second: Chris Posbergh
Motion Passed
6. New Board Minutes were reviewed and edited as needed.
Motion to approve minutes: John Shelton
second: Charlene Carlisle
Motion Passed

7. Treasurer's Report by Christiane Payton

A monthly report will be provided to board members, and will highlight the profit or loss for the month.

Current balances (12/31/2013):	General Fund	\$2,313.
	Junior Fund	\$5,453.90
	CD Account	\$15,523.14

Expenses (12/2013): Associated Registry Service
Ramblings Editor and Distribution
Secretary and Treasurer

Balance for 12/2013: \$434.95 Loss

Outstanding Expenses: NAILE – approximately \$1,000.00
Printing brochures – estimate of \$300.00
National Show Expenses
NAILE Junior Show

Question from Hilary regarding funding for advertising. Christiane described the funds collected from the membership fee increase were used for advertising and promotion. Changes in the number of registrations, transfers and memberships have impacted the ability to continue to dedicate the \$5 increase, in full, to any one item. More detail will be available when the budget is prepared. Until budget discussions take place during the April board meeting, Christiane indicated she would not support

a commitment to major advertising campaigns in magazines. Ron indicated that dedicated funds are held for the advertising and archive projects, but not for committee based expenses.

Christiane suggested taking a look at costs for shows and how District Directors use funds. Scott indicated that in the 2011-2012 budget, funding was \$2,000. The 2012-2013 budget was approved at \$0.

Further discussion regarding the \$5 membership fee increase included:

Margaret – Remove any dedicated use of this money, and add it to the general fund.

Anne – Operating funds, like advertising, should not be held in a special account from year to year, but should be allocated on a yearly basis like the other line items.

Christiane completed report with a reminder that monthly reports, with emphasis on the income and expenses will be provided.

Ron thanked Christiane for the complete report.

8. Old Business

- A. District Shows 2014 - Dist. 1 at Big E in September, Sunday afternoon show (Hilary)
 - Dist. 3 at Novi in September, natural color Romney classes will be added and premiums will be the same as all breeds. Junior show on Friday, Open show on Saturday (John)
 - Dist. 5 at Evergreen State Fair in September, Labor Day weekend. (Al)
- B. Specialty Sale in Wooster, Ohio (Great Lakes Sale, Banner Sales Mgmt.) Memorial Day Weekend, rules will be the same as National Sale in 2013.
- C. National Show Premiums (2013 Novi) - Monies combined from Novi and ARBA were used to provide premiums for the white and natural colored Romney shows. \$500 from the ARBA general fund was contributed to the show. Final expenses from the National Show are being processed.
- D. NARA (North American Romney Association) Meeting Report
Ron and Charlene conducted a conference call with Toni Scholder, NARA secretary, and Maria Rooney, NARA president. The following talking points were addressed as they apply to current ARBA policies and procedures:
 - By-Laws
 - Age for Junior Membership
 - Fees for NARA/ARBA transfers
 - Payment of Sec/Treas positions
 - Recording color coding of natural colored animals
 - DistrictsDiscussion was conducted, no action has been taken by NARA or ARBA to make adjustments. A report of any further contact will be provided by Ron at the April board meeting.
- E. Other Old Business – None presented.

9. New Business

- A. 2014 Annual Meeting Update (Hilary, Charlene, Chris)

Hilary reported on options for dinner, with the Ever Ready Diner available on Thursday night, space for 50 and a dinner charge of \$21.95 per person. Discussion regarding the Thursday meeting time may make it difficult to schedule the Old Board meeting and dinner location. Lodging needs were also discussed and it was recommended to reserve now and keep the option of Kingston on your list. Ron indicated Romneys will be the featured breed at Rhinebeck, but no separate breed show will be offered.

B. Nomination Committees for District Directors in Regions 2, 4 and 6, and for one At Large Director position. At Large Directors serving on the nominating committee for District Directors include Margaret, Tracy and Anne. Serving on the committee for nominating the At Large Director are District Directors Jane, Scott and Al. The time-line for nominations include: April 1-May 1: Committees meet
May 1: Recommendation to secretary
May 15: Biography to secretary
May 25: Ballots to members
June 10: Ballots returned to secretary
July 1: Tally completed.

Ron will submit a call for candidate statement to be posted on the website in February.

C. Dues Reminder – Voting Requirements: Voting members will be those senior (active) members with dues paid by April 1, as recorded by ASR. Reminders for payment of dues, ending January 31, 2015, will be posted on the website and postcards will be mailed to the membership. The question of whether or not ASR accepts Pay Pal was discussed, with information shared by Tracy that they accept payment for Hampshire registrations and membership dues. Scott was asked to check on this. It was also requested that Jane work on a calendar for the Ramblings.

D. 2015 National Show/Sale/Junior Show: Location of the National Show and Sale will be the west coast. A location is needed for discussion at the April board meeting. A proposal for a National Junior Show and Sale was distributed by Ethan Kennedy, asking for special Romney shows and a sale to be held in conjunction with the All American and New England Youth shows, which will be back to back shows on the Big E grounds the week of July 4th, 2015. Three days would be available for additional events, such as an open Romney show and a sale. With the ARBA show and sale scheduled for the west coast in 2015, Hilary suggested to continue to explore options for the youth exhibitors since it is a large show for youth and a great promotion for Romney sheep. Margaret expressed support for Hilary to continue to work toward making this a special event, but not a National ARBA Show or Sale.

E. Conference Calls: Ron presented a plan to move conference call service from the current provider to FreeConferenceCall.com. This transition would eliminate the cost of calls to ARBA, but would require that each caller connect on their own phone. Depending on service plans, there may be a charge to the caller. Ron will follow through on making this change and be prepared for our next meeting.

F. Special Registration Consideration: Several requests have come forward for registering animals that have been delayed by failure to register/transfer or from sellers not submitting transfers. One request can be verified by Christiane Payton if approved by the board.

Motion to move forward on late registrations: Scott Culver
second: Margaret VanCamp
Motion Passed

G. Committee Reports

a. Advertising – Hilary reported that the committee has been working toward having banners and brochures ready soon. Current brochures can be ready soon, any editing will be time consuming due to no files available to update. A suggested budget of \$300 for printing has been offered. Hilary will continue to work toward printing brochures and if any extra brochures and mouse pads can be sent to the secretary they will be distributed to new members who have paid dues since November 1, 2013.

b. Education – Hilary, Chris and Randy Thompson are working to get the newly completed fitting video on You Tube and a link to the ARBA website. A copy of the DVD can also be requested from Hilary. Board members will be sent the link to view the video. ARBA provides no standard requirements for fitting, but does state that junior member entries must be fitted for shows. ARBA website statement is sheep should be clean and trimmed for show. Fleece needs to be of adequate length to present for judging.

c. Website – Margaret will send National Show results for posting on the website. Ramblings will be posted as completed. Minutes will be posted and archived. Items for website will be sent to secretary for submission to webmaster.

d. Youth – Charlene provided numbers from NAILE. Numbers were impacted by weather conditions, especially in the open show. 25 youth entries were needed to remain active, 26 exhibited. Open show needed 50 entries, received 55, however only 32 actually exhibited. Charlene will work with Ethan Kennedy and his proposal for the joint youth and adult show and sale in July.

e. AIET – Jane and Chris will provide support.

f. Redistricting – no proposals to discuss

g. By Laws - no proposals to discuss

h. Policy/Procedure – Scott was asked to work on those items addressed at this meeting.

H. District Reports:

1: Hilary – all reported in previous committee reports

2: Chris – Rhinebeck went well. Will promote upcoming wool pools, festivals and shows and share information with committee members.

3: John – nothing additional to report

4: Scott – nothing additional to share

5: Al – no news to report

6: Jane – phone contacts with members in district

I. New Membership Mailings: JoAnn reported on the lack of items to send in new member packets. It was decided to continue to send the membership cards, add a mouse pad and if brochures could be sent to the secretary they will be included. JoAnn will catch up on these mailings.

J. Other New Business: Chris reported that over 6,000 records have been entered. Anyone interested in helping would be welcomed.

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival will include a sale on
May 2, managed by Banner Sales. Contact Banner Sales for information.

Nugget All American Sale will be conducted by
Willoughby Sales the first weekend in June. Held in Sparks, NV.

K. April meeting will be April 5, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

L. Motion to adjourn: Jane Caulfield
second: Anne McIntyre-Lahner
Motion Passed

Minutes as edited and approved.

JoAnn Mast, ARBA secretary