

## Meeting of the ARBA Board

Chris Posbergh called the meeting of the board of the American Romney Breeders Association to order at 10:06 a.m. CDT on September 6, 2019 in the conference room of Comfort Suites in Johnson Creek, Wisconsin. In attendance were Posbergh, Randy Thompson, Anne McIntyre-Lahner, Charlene Carlisle, Allison Seyfert, Don Burgess, Nicole Murray, Betsy McPherson and JoAnn Mast, ARBA Secretary. In attendance via teleconference was Scott Culver. Unable to participate or attend were Emma Morton Rogers and Carol Pasheilich.

The secretary report distributed via email was reviewed by JoAnn. An update to the financial reports was given, with the end of the fiscal amounts given as \$21,640.33 in checking and a balance of \$15,785.38 in the CD account. The current checking account balance is \$24,398.89. JoAnn described the method of collection and depositing of funds paid to Associated Registry, explaining how credit card deposits differ from checks and why that can create discrepancies in the check book balance with the bank statement. A motion by Anne and second by Charlene was followed with approval by the board.

A discussion on the use of the Square or Zell described how ARBA could receive credit card payments in a secure and easy process. The main concern with accepting payment for membership, without the form to update or enter data on the website, will make it difficult to maintain accurate listings.

Chris provided an update on events for the weekend. Charlene and Don reported on show and sale, indicating 51 sheep and 12 exhibitors were entered and the National Sale has 23 lots. Show sale order will be determined today, followed by the annual meeting and dinner at Heron's Landing in Jefferson, WI. Saturday will include the open Romney show, fleece judging and National Romney Sale. All junior classes will be held on Sunday.

Strategic plan work will focus on continuing work on educational brochures for use at displays and distribution to new members. Anne and Randy will meet to work on needed edits. Anne reported that some edits were difficult due to multiple text fonts, and work was needed to delete and redo some sections. She also suggested that photos be updated.

Location for the 2020 Annual Meeting was discussed, with Rhinebeck, BigE and Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival being considered. It will also be the year for Regional Shows in Districts 2, 4 and 6. Betsy asked for assistance in organizing a Regional Wool Show at NAILE for District 6. Nicole had no decision on a show location for District 4, and Allison will post a request for ideas on her regional facebook page. The next National Show and Sale will be held in 2021 in the west.

Anne and Scott reported on board member attendance at meetings, both conference calls and in person. The following bylaws language was approved during the July 2019 board meeting: The President and secretary/Treasurer are expected to be physically present at all in-person meetings. If the president is unable to attend in person, the Vice President is expected to attend in-person. Any quorum calculation shall include all members participating in a meeting in person and electronically.

The current language of missing three consecutive meetings is being considered for review, and much discussion followed. The disbursement of funds for travel expense reimbursement was also presented, with monies for those not attending to be divided evenly among those exceeding \$500 in expenses. Decisions were tabled for discussion at the newly elected board meeting.

Scott and Randy provided information relating to AI\ET. Form sent to ARBA Secretary needs to be updated. JoAnn indicated form has been updated, just needs to be posted. Questions remain on who needs to report that they have semen straws, whether an accounting of how many straws individuals own and whether or not ARBA needs to know when sales are conducted. Work will continue.

Technology used for conferencing was deemed inadequate. Appropriate equipment will be needed for next in person meeting of the board.

District Reports:

Emma – No report.

Allison acknowledged the success of Romney breeders Haley Hares, Allison Seyfert and Ethan Kennedy for their Supreme awards in sheep and wool shows. Also reported the BigE is coming later this month.

Don has been busy with coordinating the National Show and Sale, Annual meeting and dinner, and attendance at board meetings.

Nicole provided an overview of activities at the Oregon State Fair and announced the upcoming Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival the end of September in Canby.

Carol – No report.

Betsy had no recent events to share.

Other Business: A brief discussion, motion by Don, second by Charlene and vote to support by the board will increase the salary for the secretary/treasurer to \$400 per month, starting October 1, 2019.

The next meeting of the board will be at 7:30 a.m. CDT, Saturday, September 7, 2019 in the conference room at Comfort Suites in Johnson Creek, Wisconsin.

A motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. CDT was made by Anne, seconded by Charlene and passed by the board.

Submitted by JoAnn Mast, ARBA Secretary.