

Old Board Meeting

The meeting of the ARBA board was called to order by Ron Andress, president, at 10:15 a.m. EDT on the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, New York on Friday, October 17, 2014. In attendance were board members Charlene Carlisle, Hilary Chapin and Margaret VanCamp. Also present were Karen Nichols, Randy Thompson and ARBA secretary, JoAnn Mast.

Ron read the secretary's report and the treasurer's report provided by Christiane Payton, ARBA treasurer. One addition to the secretary's report was made, the inclusion of preparation and tabulation of the ballots for the 2014 election of officers. Treasurer's report was as follows:

General Account	\$7,136.26
Junior Account	\$4,989.40
	Dist. 1: \$163.25
	Dist. 4: \$275.50
	NAILE: \$1375.45
CD	\$15,675.49
District Funds:	#1 0.
	#2 475.30
	#3 10.62
	#4 270.00
	#5 445.00
	#6 76.50
All American Show	\$1,700.00
Culver Scholarship	\$0

Following the report from the treasurer, Ron indicated a replacement for Christiane Payton will be needed at the conclusion of the National Show and annual meeting in August 2015.

An audit committee report was given by Charlene Carlisle. She and Anne McIntyre-Lahner did an audit of materials presented by Christiane, and reported no unusual expenses.

Old Business

District Show reports were provided for districts 1 and 5. No report from district 3. Hilary Chapin reported that 105 animals were entered in the district 1 show, with 82 appearing in the ring. Participants took part in a potluck dinner, received gift bags and supported a silent auction with funds going to the junior show and district 1. Photographs from the show have been forwarded for posting on the website. Randy Thompson provided a report on the district 5 show, indicating it was held at the

Evergreen State Fair, with three exhibitors taking part. A hosted dinner was provided and judging was done by Scott Culver.

A report was provided by Ron Andress on the 2014 ARBA Specialty Sale held in Wooster, Ohio the last weekend in May. A good number of sheep were offered for sale, and prices were good, but not as strong as the 2013 sale. Discussion on the 2 ewes entered for each ram entered per consignor was conducted and will be communicated to Banner Sales Management. Romneys will continue to be a part of this sale, either as a Specialty or National Sale.

New Business

2015 National Show, Sale and Annual Meeting. A proposal has been submitted and discussion started with show superintendent Marie Reister, at the Clark County Fair near Vancouver, WA. Tracy Haslem is making the initial contact and will stay in communication as decisions are made. It is hoped that Romneys will be the feature breed and that a junior show for white and natural colored exhibitors will also be part of the package.

Discussion on whether or not to have the National Sale in conjunction with the National Show took place, with no decision coming at this time. A show and sale committee will be identified to work on the details and make a recommendation.

ASR has moved from the office in Iowa to a new location in Kansas. With this transition will also come a change in collection of forms and payment for membership applications and renewals. ASR will continue to process all registrations and transfers. The ARBA secretary will process all new and renewal membership forms. Reminder cards will be mailed in November and changes will be made on the website. Extended pedigrees are still on hold, but work is moving forward by Chris Posbergh to have this service available soon.

Ron announced the recipient of the Morris Culver Memorial Scholarship. A \$250 scholarship will be presented to Devlin Kennedy at the annual meeting. This is the 8th and final scholarship, with a balance of \$252 in the account prior to approving an award winner for 2014.

Responses to the request for receiving a hard copy of the Ramblings were announced by JoAnn, with four notices on file. All other distribution will be done via email.

Committee Reports

Advertising – Hilary Chapin reported she and Chris Posbergh have made progress in getting the committee to actively use funds budgeted for the year, and to accept that roll-over dollars are not being held for expanded advertising at a later date. Continued discussion of need for an updated natural colored Romney brochure.

By-Laws – No action to date.

Education – Fitting video produced by Wes and Hilary Chapin. Continuing information in the Ramblings and on the website.

Policy & Procedures – No report.

Youth – Charlene Carlisle reported on the All American Show and encouraged participation at NAILE. A discussion on the method of presenting white and natural colored animals in the junior division was held, indicating that separate shows are held in some regions and that animals compete in one class at others.

Website – JoAnn provided a review of additions and changes made by Doug Meyer. There have been good responses to the request to forward information and pictures to the secretary for posting by Doug.

AI – ET No report provided.

Due to the lack of a quorum, discussions were not followed by motions and further action. Members unable to attend had contacted Ron and some reports were provided in writing or with the attendance of a member from the region at this meeting.

Submitted by

JoAnn Mast, ARBA secretary