

## ARBA Minutes

### Old Board Meeting

August 7, 2015

Conference Room at Clark Co. Fair  
Ridgefield, WA

The meeting was called to order by president, Ron Andress, at 9:35 a.m. PDT. Attending were Ron, Anne McIntyre-Lahner, Al Schwider, Scott Culver, Margaret VanCamp, Hilary Chapin, Chris Posbergh, Karen Nichols, Charlene Carlisle and Betsy McPherson. Not attending was John Shelton.

The secretary's report was provided by JoAnn Mast, highlights included work done on the National Show and Sale and annual meeting, election of officers, website updates and processing memberships. The report was accepted unanimously following a motion by Scott Culver and second by Karen Nichols. The treasurer's report was given by Ron Andress as provided by ARBA treasurer Christiane Payton. The report included the following:

General Checking	\$7,633.33
Junior Account	\$3,204.93
CD Account	\$15,692.88

A motion by Al Schwider and second from Scott Culver, with unanimous approval, accepted the financial report.

A brief report from the Audit Committee was provided, item was tabled for later presentation by Anne McIntyre-Lahner and Chris Posbergh.

### Old Business

Ramblings newsletter was discussed, with a review needed to determine the future of email distribution. Discussion will continue with new board.

Late registration and transfer amnesty program was presented. Details will continue to be worked with the new board members, ASR and the ARBA secretary. A motion to move forward on this project by Scott and second from Al was passed unanimously, with Anne abstaining. Discussion regarding the transfer of NARA certificates was conducted and costs were confirmed.

Logo items were presented by several board members and the decision on what to offer was deferred to the new board. Betsy McPherson will be checking on securing the pottery stamp from Becky Petrick, and sending it to Chris Posbergh, incoming president.

Board meeting attendance continues to be discussed, with a decision needed on the requirement of attending face to face meetings. With three meetings conducted during the gathering for the annual meeting, board members may be in jeopardy. The attendance policy will be reviewed, and a recommendation prepared by the Policy and Procedures and By-Laws committees will be provided.

Reimbursement for board travel was questioned and discussed. This will be reviewed by the new board and board members are asked to submit their total expenses to Chris for this review.

Breed Standards continue to be emphasized, with plans to create a Power Point program that will be available to the membership and judges. Focus will be on breed character and fleece. Chris will begin the process. Photographs can be sent to him to support his work. Al reported that the selection process for judges is not yet complete, and that input for ARBA specialty shows, national and regional, is still in the working phase. It may require an added entry fee to secure a separate or approved judge. Chris, Anne, JoAnn, Margaret and Hilary will continue to work on this project.

#### New Business

A report on the All American/NEYSS was provided by Charlene Carlisle. Both events were well attended and both had strong Romney entry numbers. Twenty one junior members exhibited Romneys at the All American, with over 1200 animals on display. The NEYSS included 70 Romney entries and many activities for the exhibitors and their families. Tours, special meals, an Educational Program by Ed Julian, and contests related to sheep and wool filled the program.

#### Committee Reports

Committee chairs and members were reminded to use the conference call process when needing to make recommendations or decisions. FreeConferenceCall.com is available.

Advertising: Work continues on promotion and logo items.

By-Laws: No changes, need website updates.

Education: No new projects, working with breed standards.

Policy & Procedures: Continue work on meeting attendance.

Youth: No additional report, NAILE entries coming soon.

Website: Some updates needed on committees, still have incorrect addresses and information.

AI/ET: No report, Randy Thompson will work on this.

#### Regional Director Reports

#1: Hilary – Assisted with All American and NEYSS (provided show rags)

Emma Morton is a contact for youth activities, Rick Trojanoski discussed marketing brand that ARBA could use for meat and wool.

Report on Farmers Market opportunities

#2: Chris – South Adirondack Fiber Festival is coming

#3: Romney Specialty Sale in Wooster, Ohio (end of May)

#4: Karen – Events included Black Sheep Gathering, Willamette Valley Ram Sale, Oregon State Fair

#5: Al – Work on National Show and Sale, change in WA State Fair at Puyallup. New beef facility being built, more sheep entries will be encouraged.

#6: Betsy – Limited number of members, no show people. Will be working on district show in 2016.

Election Results: President, Chris Posbergh; Vice President, Randy Thompson; Director at Large, Charlene Carlisle; District 1, Katherine Moore; District 3, Don Burgess; District 5,Carolynn Harwell.

#### Other Business

Absence of Ace Vandenack and Maria Rooney at the National Show. Ace was finishing a show in CA and not able to make the trek in time. Maria was with family, mother passed away just prior to show.

Anne is going to Australia, any Romney requests or any suggestions of farms to visit.

Newsletter information due date? Chris will contact Cindy Peterson to determine.

Betsy discussed concerns regarding a Region 6 show in 2016. Several ideas were presented, as a single district or combining with district 2.

Chris reported a wool classing school will be held in NY and another planned in MD. His project on ARBA record archives continues, with 20,000 of the 45,000 completed. Has a timeline of completion in two years.

Charlene recommended a listing in the ASI Directory. Cost will be considered. Also felt an ASI grant to help establish branding for ARBA is needed.

Ron described the funding for junior account activities. All funds come from donations and fund raising. Some funds are targeted to specific events/districts, based on coordinator and activity.

Ramblings – Need to set deadlines for distribution. Not necessary to be evenly spaced, but do need to be timely.

Banner Notes: Please submit when notified. Writers confirmed for rest of year.

Motion to adjourn was provided and seconded. Unanimously approved at 12:05 p.m. PDT.

Respectfully submitted

JoAnn Mast