

Annual Meeting of the American Romney Breeders Association

The annual meeting of the American Romney Breeders Association was called to order at 9:31 p.m. CDT, September 6, 2019 by Chris Posbergh, President of the association. The meeting was held following dinner at Heron's Landing restaurant in Jefferson, Wisconsin. Thirty four members and two guests attended. Board members in attendance included Posbergh, Randy Thompson, Anne McIntyre-Lahner, Charlene Carlisle, Rick Trojanoski, Allison Seyfert, Don Burgess, Penny Swearingen, Nicole Murray, Betsy McPherson and JoAnn Mast, ARBA Secretary.

Introductions were provided by participants and all were encouraged to take time to meet other members and share ideas and questions. Board members were also available for questions and clarification on association business. Guests, Greg and Tiffany Dekin, provided information regarding the national sale to be held on Saturday evening.

The treasurer's report was provided by JoAnn Mast. End of fiscal year amounts were reported, as well as the checking account balance as of September 3. Checking account balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$21,640.33. CD amount was \$15,785.38. The checking account on September 3 was at \$24,398.89. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was seconded and passed.

JoAnn provided an overview of the income used to conduct business of the association, indicating that membership dues, animal registrations and transfers, and special fund raising were the primary sources. The current membership, including active senior and junior members, is 237.

Chris reported on the overall operations as well, confirming the membership number and providing numbers of registrations at 1100 and transfers at 500. These numbers reflect an estimate for the remainder of the calendar year.

He also reminded the membership of the schedule of events to be held on Saturday, featuring the National Romney Show for White and Natural Colored, the silent auction to support ARBA Junior Shows, and the National Romney Sale to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Chris thanked the board and membership for his accomplishments while serving as President, and he was recognized with comments and applause for his terms of leadership. He introduced incoming President Don Burgess, who recognized the work in progress by the board and thanked those in attendance for their participation and success.

Don reminded the board of the 7:30 a.m. meeting on Saturday, asked for a motion to adjourn, and called the meeting to a close. The motion to adjourn was provided by Chris Blair, seconded by Anne McIntyre-Lahner and passed by the membership.

Submitted by JoAnn Mast, ARBA Secretary