

ARBA Board Meeting – June 4, 2021

Anne McIntyre Lahner invited members to the Zoom meeting of the ARBA board on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. EDT. She asked for approval to record the meeting and it was acceptable to all. In attendance were McIntyre Lahner, Charlene Carlisle, Rick Trojanoski, Melissa Wubben, Emma Rogers, Penny Swearingen, Carol Pasheilich and JoAnn Mast, ARBA secretary. Unable to participate in the meeting was Don Burgess.

Anne called the meeting of the ARBA board to order at 7:12 p.m. and acknowledged all present. She reviewed the purpose of the meeting, to discuss/edit/approve the document for distribution to the membership regarding current events regarding Romney sheep registrations. She expressed the need to move forward with information, wanted to have work done in a timely manner, and acknowledged the work of those compiling the draft edition of the letter.

Board members offered comments and edits as the draft was reviewed. Topics addressed included the omission of a separated listing for specific animals, costs and procedures relating to DNA testing, identifying the procedure of registrations acceptable by the ARBA committee focused on AI/ET, and how to distribute and collect input from the total membership.

Rick moved to accept the draft letter as edited, send the edited copy to all board members for approval or edit, reply to Anne by Monday, June 7 with approval or edits, convene to review edits if needed, forward the approved document to the membership with a request for input to be received by June 30. Charlene seconded. Motion passed, including the friendly amendment during discussion.

The next point of discussion centered on how to distribute this information to the membership and which membership list should be included. Anne suggested that email be the main method of distribution for the final edition of the document, with copies mailed to those not listing an email address. Mailchimp can be used to email the document to the selected mailing list, but will require assistance for the secretary to make that happen. Letters will be printed and mailed to current members not listed on the ARBA email. The option to submit information to the board was covered, and board member emails will be included as will mailing addresses for the secretary and one board member.

Other business included a report from Charlene that the National Romney Sale had good participation and that Integrity Livestock Sales has completed all payments to sellers and has sent a check to ARBA in the amount of 5% of the sale. Emma notified the board that a hotel and conference room has been booked for the NYSWF in Rhinebeck and she is working to confirm a restaurant for the annual meeting. Penny asked about meetings on the grounds, and it was noted by Anne that a room had been provided in the past and it is hoped that can be done again. Emma will follow up. Anne reported that Patty Sanville will complete the June/July edition of the Ramblings and will assist with helping to maintain the ARBA website. Rick indicated that members have been contacted to fill the vacant District Director positions for districts 4 and 6. Those names will be presented at the next business meeting of the board.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Rick, seconded by Emma, and passed unanimously. Anne closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and set Monday evening, June 7, as the time to move forward with the final review of the document prior to distribution to the membership.

Submitted by JoAnn Mast, ARBA Secretary

