

American Romney Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting, November 30, 2021 @ 7:30 pm eastern
Minutes

Call to order.

The regular meeting of the American Romney Breeders Association (ARBA) Board of Directors was called to order by President Anne McIntyre-Lahner at 7:36 pm eastern time. This meeting was held over Zoom and recorded.

Roll Call.

Present

President-Anne McIntyre-Lahner
Vice President-Charlene Carlisle
District 1-Marianne DiTaranto
District 2-Amy Miller
District 3-Penelope Swearingen
District 4-Sue Kalina
District 5-Carol Pasheilich
District 6-Betsy McPherson
At Large-Rick Trojanoski
At Large-Emma Rogers

Absent

At Large-Melissa Wubben

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings

- Sue moved to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting. Betsy seconded the motion. Rick abstained from voting. The motion carried.
- Rick moved to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Rick moved to approve the Minutes of the "Old Board" meeting, October 15, 2021. Sue seconded the motion. Emma and Betsy abstained from voting. The motion carried.
- Charlene moved to accept the Minutes of the ARBA Annual Meeting, October 15, 2021. Emma seconded the motion. Carol and Betsy abstained from voting. The motion carried.
- Rick moved to accept the Minutes of the "New Board" meeting, October 16, 2021. Sue seconded the motion. Amy abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Financial Report

- The US Bank checking account has been closed, and the funds transferred to the Wells Fargo Bank account. Current balance in the Wells Fargo checking account: \$12,836.79.
- The US Bank CD will remain until Fall 2022 so no penalty is incurred. Current value: \$15,830.89.
- An income/expense report for October to November was presented.
- A PayPal account, linked to the Wells Fargo checking account, has been set up. This will be available to ARBA members to pay dues and other fees as soon as possible. It was decided that payers should incur the fee to use PayPal.
- Rick moved to accept the Financial Report. Sue seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Betsy moved to accept the secretary's report. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

District Reports.

District 1

- Marianne and other Romney breeders are encouraging more people to get involved in Romneys, especially through the New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Growers.
- Several sheep associations in District 1 have started coordinated preparation for the New England Youth Show and the All American Junior Show. Sponsors are needed.
- Several youth in District 1 participated in the Futurity.
- Romneys from District 1 were well-represented at NAILE. In the 18 year old showmanship class, Romney showmen took first and second place. Romney breeder, Ethan Kennedy, spoke specifically about the quality of Romneys at NAILE for the last five years.
- The New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association has many 2022 plans in the works.
- Fiber Festival of New England was the first weekend in November. Attendance was good, considering policy changes due to COVID. There were lots of buyers and most venders found the show to be successful.

District 2

- NAILE was a great show, and the ice cream social for the Juniors was especially nice.
- The Maryland State Fair will have a four-day show this year, and all Romney breeders are encouraged to attend. It will be over Labor Day weekend.
- Amy is on the committee for the Maryland Festival.

District 3

- Five families of Juniors from District 3 traveled to Louisville for NAILE.
- The champion natural colored fleece was a Romney fleece.
- The final fiber festival of the season ended, and now everyone is going into hibernation and lambing mode as it starts to snow.
- The Michigan Sheep Producers group has requested a skirting demonstration.

District 4

- Sue reports that it's much warmer in Oregon, and the Oregon Romney Breeders meeting will take place the next Saturday. The Superintendent of the Oregon State Fair will be there, and the dates of the Romney show should be finalized at this meeting.

District 5

- A replacement for Carol's director's position is still being sought.

District 6

- Nothing new to report.

Committee Reports.

Youth Committee

- The youth show at NAILE was great. The Supreme Champion Ewe in the Junior Show was a Romney and received a \$1000 check. 11 youth exhibitors from 5 states competed in the Junior Show.
- There were 37 Romneys from 8 exhibitors in 6 states in the Open show. This didn't meet the minimum required sheep, so Romneys are on probation for maintaining a separate Open show. We'll have to meet the minimum next year to get off of probation.

- The prizes for the Futurity winners have been sent out. Those results are in the Ramblings and on the website.
- The youth committee is planning a fund raiser.

AI/ET Committee

- The committee is planning to meet in December. A few new members of the committee have been added recently.

Advertising Committee

- There will be an ARBA ad in the December/January issue of The Banner. Penny is getting a draft together and will send it to the Advertising Committee.
- Carol and Rick have gotten quotes to update and/or reprint the ARBA brochure.
- Penny has paper copies of the current brochure that she will send to Rick. Carol has paper and digital copies.

Education Committee

- Nothing new to report.

Policies and Procedures Committee

- Work has started on the policy for Special Registrations. A new and/or revised application is needed.

Website

- The committee's first task is to review the entire website. Committee members will take specific pages to review. Updates and corrections will be sent to Patty and Georgina.
- Currently, Don Burgess and Randy Thompson have permissions for the ARBA Facebook page. Anne will contact Don about transfer the administration role.

By-Laws

- The committee will be choosing a meeting date soon.

New Business.

2021-2022 Budget

- A document showing three of the past four years' spending and a partial draft for 2021-2022 were shared with the Board. Trends were hard to decipher in the document due to COVID and some unusual circumstances in the past few years.
- It would be great to look for opportunities to increase income. Promotion items could be a great place to increase income.
- Remember that the repayments from The Banner are a one-time event and not income ARBA can count on year-to-year.
- The Board needs to purchase Board Insurance as soon as possible. This has been added to the 2021-2022 budget draft.
- We don't keep a separate checking account for the Juniors to avoid unnecessary fees, however Juniors' funds have their own line items in our books.
- Each district usually get \$100 toward District shows each year, but this varies from year to year, depending on the budget.
- Remember that, in typical years, the Futurity should have equal income and expenses.

- NEYSS usually receives \$100 in support from the Board, and this is supplemented with Youth fundraisers. The All American Junior Show requires funding each year, and ARBA provides that as needed.
- A Budget Committee was formed. Sue and Charlene will participate with Anne and Georgina.

Green Registration Papers for Moorit Romneys

- Romneys with Moorit genetics will have green registration papers. These animals currently have white registration papers. To avoid animals have two registration papers, it was discussed that owners of Moorit Romneys send their white registration paper to AR in order to receive the new green registration paper. Additionally, white papers sent to Associated Registries for transfer of ownership should be reprinted on green paper.
- If it is decided that white registration papers must be returned before receiving green papers, ARBA needs to get the word out in as many outlets as possible, including the Ramblings and on the website. All breeders should be informed as soon as possible to avoid confusion.
- Rick moved that, before a green registration paper is issued to any Moorit Romney, the current white registration paper must be turned in. The motion was seconded by Betsy.
 - Marianne amended the motion to add: If the animal is sold or transferred, the registration paper will be reprinted by AR on green paper. Sue seconded the amendment. The amendment carried unanimously.
- The motion as amended carried.

Old Business.

Reimbursement from Greg Deakin/Banner

- Anne has emailed Greg's bookkeeper about the remaining reimbursement, but has not received a response yet.

Responses to Questions for Ramblings

- Please encourage people from the general membership to answer the questions for the Ramblings. The current question is: What was the reason you got into raising Romneys?

Iron Water Ranch Letter

- Some Directors heard feedback from people in their districts, while others did not. Directors had productive conversations with members about the content of the letter.

Additional members of the AI/ET committee and Bylaws committee

- Two new members have joined these committees and are excited to get started.

Date of Next Meeting.

- Tuesday, January 11, 2022 @ 7:30 pm eastern

Adjournment.

Rick moved to adjourn the meeting. Emma seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.