

American Romney Breeders Association  
"Old Board" Board of Directors Meeting, October 15, 2021

**Call to order.**

- The meeting of the American Romney Breeders Association (ARBA) "Old Board" Board of Directors was called to order by Anne McIntyre-Lahner at 10:10 am eastern time. This meeting was held in person in the Hyatt Hotel in Poughkeepsie, NY and over Zoom and recorded.

**Roll call.**

Present

Anne McIntyre-Lahner—Acting President  
Amy Miller—District 2 (joined late—tech trouble)  
Penelope Swearingen—District 3  
Sue Kalina—District 4  
Carol Pasheilich—District 5  
Charlene Carlisle—At Large  
Melissa Wubben—At Large  
Rick Trojanoski—At Large  
Georgina Anderson—Secretary/Treasurer

Absent

Emma Rogers—District 1  
Betsy McPherson—District 6

**Secretary/Treasurer Report.**

- The directors would like to review the minutes and approve at the next meeting following Rhinebeck. A copy of August, September, Old Board, Annual Meeting and New Board meetings will be sent to all directors for feedback.
- The August and September minutes may have too much extraneous details. Acronyms including ARBA need to be spelled out in each set of minutes.
- Several meetings have been held with Bank of America and now Wells Fargo in efforts to open a new ARBA bank account. Wells Fargo is currently reviewing the Articles of Incorporation, minutes of meetings that show changes to personnel listed on the Articles of Incorporation, and tax-exempt documentation. It is expected that the new bank account will be open before November 1, 2021. Once the new bank account is open, the account at US bank can be closed and the money transferred to the Wells Fargo account.

**Old Business**

**Update on mis-registration of Moorit rams.**

- Jeff Ebert from Associated Registries (AR) has provided a list of the direct offspring of the two rams in question. Anne requested subsequent generations of offspring from the two rams, and AR is working on the request but it will take time. Anne will contact AR again at the end of October if she hasn't heard from them.
- Registration papers from offspring of these rams need to be re-issued on green paper. This is important and hasn't happened yet.
- A letter needs to be drafted and sent to all owners of offspring of the two rams in question. The list of recipients of this letter needs to come from AR.
- Anne and Rick are drafting a letter to be sent to the 31 people who received the letter from Iron Water Ranch. This draft will hopefully be available at the "New Board" meeting on October 16, 2021.

### **Updates on Banner reimbursements.**

- ARBA has received two reimbursement checks so far, and Greg Deakin is enthusiastic about getting this issue resolved before NAILE 2021. Penny will need to be reimbursed by ARBA once Greg has repaid ARBA.

### **District Reports.**

- District 1—Emma absent. Other directors reported that the number of exhibitors at the Big E was lower this year than in past years, but the show went well. The fleece show was the largest it's been since Rick took over running it, with 96 fleeces entered and 76 exhibited. Romney was a featured breed at the Big E. Many juniors participated.
- District 2—Amy reported the Maryland State Fair was a success.
- District 3—Penny reported that District 3 has been busy. The number of exhibitors at the Michigan State Fair was down this year compared to previous, but the Junior Show had a great turnout. The Super-Showman was Kaitlyn Plank, a Romney breeder. The Michigan Fiber Festival at 17 Romney fleeces entered out of a total of 78 fleeces. A Romney was awarded supreme champion ram. The Indiana Livestock Expo took place at the end of July, with two juniors exhibiting Romneys. A Romney Junior show was also held at Ohio State Fair. Most recently, the Wisconsin Fiber Festival has just happened, and the results of the fleece show are not available at this time.
- District 4—Sue reported that the Oregon Fiber Festival was canceled due to COVID. The Oregon Romney Breeders Association is planning a meeting on December 4, 2021. The National Romney Show will be held at Oregon State Fair in 2022. Lambing in Oregon is starting.
- District 5—Carol reported that her regions has been quiet lately. She is looking for a replacement director, and board members are encouraged to reach out to any breeders in District 5 about the directorship.
- District 6—Betsy was absent.

### **Committee Reports.**

- Advertising—The committee is still working on the brochure. Carol will get a draft to Charlene ASAP.
- Policies and Procedures—Report skipped because Emma was absent.
- Youth—Charlene reported that no youth numbers for NAILE are available yet. The Futurity was a bit different this year due to COVID. Any youth who bought lambs in the online sale had those lambs automatically entered in the Futurity contest. Charlene has contacted all the participants to get pictures and expects more to come in very soon. The judge is secured. Champion ram and ewe of each color will receive \$100, and reserve ram and ewe of each color will receive \$50. The breeder of the champion ewes (White & NC) will receive \$50, while the breeder of the Reserve Champion Ewe (both colors) will receive \$25. Prizes will also be given to the first place individuals in each class. In 2022, the Futurity contest will go back to the normal format. Four Kahoot games of sheep and Romney trivia are currently open for Romney breeders and friends. These games are just for fun, and at four skill levels. At the time of the meeting, 57 people had played the games so far.
- Education committee—Susan Schoenian will be presenting remotely at the Annual Meeting at 7:00 on October 15, 2021. A series of articles about the value of wool is currently running in the Romney Ramblings, with the first installment in the September issue. Penny is interested in hearing any ideas for future article series or other educational programming.
- Website—No report. Patty Sanville is still helping with the website at the moment.
- Bylaws—Anne brought up the issue that the currently-published bylaws do not reflect all the board-ratified changes made since 2011, and this needs to be fixed as soon as possible.

## **New Business.**

### **Posting of Meeting Minutes in Romney Ramblings in addition to on website.**

- Other breed organizations include their meeting minutes in publications. It would help to improve transparency. More people read Ramblings than look at the website.
- Including the full version of the minutes in the Ramblings would make each issue very long.
- It was considered that “general” minutes could go in the Ramblings but “board” minutes would only be available on the website.
- Rick moved to publish the Annual Meeting minutes in the Romney Ramblings, and also post agenda from all past Board meetings with links to the full minutes on the ARBA website. Penny seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with no abstentions
- **Action Item: The secretary will email Penny about this change.**

### **ARBA advertisement in The Banner.**

- Greg Deakin talked to Penny about giving ARBA a full-page ad in the Banner. The ad could be in the November/NAILE issue or the December/January issue.
- It was agreed that the deadline for the November/NAILE issue is too soon, and if we wait until the December/January issue we could include the NAILE results.
- Penny moved to accept Greg Deakin’s offer to give ARBA a full page ad showcasing the Romney breed in the December/January issue. Rick seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.
- **Action Item: Penny will take the lead on this. Please send Penny any pictures that could be included before December 20, 2021.**
- **Action Item: The secretary will ask Patty Sanville to make an announcement on the ARBA website that anyone with pictures that might be included, email them to Penny by December 20, 2021.**

### **National Romney Show 2022.**

- Sue has talked to the superintendent at the Oregon State Fair and the National Romney Show will be held at the Oregon State Fair in 2022.
- The organizers of the Puyallup show have been informed the National Romney Show will be at the Oregon State Fair instead of Puyallup.
- The Oregon Romney Breeders Association will have a meeting on December 4, 2021 to start planning.

### **Adjournment.**

- Rick moved to adjourn the meeting. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions. The meeting ended at 11:32.