

American Romney Breeders Association  
“New Board” Board of Directors Meeting, October 16, 2021

**Call to order.**

- The meeting of the American Romney Breeders Association (ARBA) was called to order at 10:12 am on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Hyatt Hotel in Poughkeepsie, NY and synchronous virtual attendance.

**Roll call.**

Present

Anne McIntyre-Lahner—President  
Charlene Carlisle—Vice president  
Marianne DiTaranto—District 1  
Penelope Swearingen—District 3  
Sue Kalina—District 4  
Carol Pasheilich—Off Board, no new District 5  
Betsy McPherson—District 6  
Emma Rogers—At Large  
Melissa Wubben—At Large  
Rick Trojanoski—At Large  
Georgina Anderson—Secretary/Treasurer

Absent

Amy Miller—District 2

**Secretary/Treasurer Report.**

- The Secretary/Treasurer explained that we are still in process of opening a new ARBA bank account, and this will hopefully be complete before November 1, 2021. Then the current ARBA accounts at US Bank will be closed by JoAnn Mast, former Secretary/Treasurer, and the funds transferred to the new ARBA accounts.
- Minutes of the August and September meetings, as well as the Old Board, Annual and New Board meetings will be sent to all Directors as soon as possible.
- Marianne moved to accept the Secretary/Treasurer Report as read. Rick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

**Old Business**

**Mis-registration of Moorit Rams.**

- Registration of Moorit Romneys was put on hold in Spring 2021 after irregularities in registration of two rams was discovered. The irregularities in the registration of these two rams has been thoroughly investigated by an appointed committee and the ARBA BOD. Registrations were reopened for all Moorit Romneys.
- Regarding the progeny of the two mis-registered rams:
  - All currently-registered descendants of the two mis-registered rams will remain in the ARBA flock books, and their progeny are registerable if they are born after December 31, 2021.
  - No direct descendants of the two mis-registered rams will be eligible for registration.
  - A letter will be sent to all individuals who own Romneys that are progeny of the two mis-registered rams explaining the situation. AR needs to provide a list of those breeders and Anne has requested they send that list as soon as possible.
  - Romneys with Moorit genetics will be re-issued registration papers on green paper.
- Regarding the letter to be sent to all who received accusatory letter from Iron Water Ranch:

- The letter will be sent to the approximately 30 individuals who received letter from Iron Water Ranch.
- Rick and Anne presented a draft letter for the Board's review and editing.
- After the board reviewed and edited the letter, Rick moved to accept the edited letter and have it sent to the approximately 30 individuals who received the letter from Iron Water Ranch. Marianne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Melissa abstaining from voting.

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

- The National Romney Show will be held at the Oregon State Fair the last week of August 2022. This has been cleared with the show superintendent, and Puyallup has been informed of the change. The Oregon Romney Breeders will be having a meeting on December 4, 2021 to begin planning
- The budget and fundraising for the National Romney Show was discussed. The last in-person National Show was in Wisconsin in 2019, and was budgeted to receive \$750 from ARBA. Fundraising also happened, and Emma can find the amount of money that was raised.

### **Budget.**

- The budgets that were approved by the board in the past few years were not based on actual income and expenses. Considerable work is needed in reviewing actual income and expenses in the last few years to build a budget that reflects the reality of the organization.

### **District Reports.**

- District 1: Marianne
  - Nothing new to report
- District 2: Amy
  - Absent
- District 3: Penny
  - Nothing new to report
- District 4: Sue
  - Nothing new to report
- District 5: Vacant, filled by Carol
  - Carol's first term was an appointment, then she was elected and has just finished a full term.
  - Carol left the meeting so the Board could discuss her remaining on the Board for a one-year period. Penny moved to appoint Carol to remain a Director for a period of up to one year. Betsy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.
  - Carol was welcomed back to the Board for a term of up to one year, and a new District 5 director will be actively sought.
- District 6: Betsy
  - Nothing new to report

### **ARBA Board Committees.**

- The secretary will send a copy of the ARBA Policies and Procedures relating to Committees and Committee Meetings.
- Committees should keep minutes of their meetings and send a copy of those minutes to the secretary.
- Please contact Georgina if you'd like to her attend a committee meeting to take notes.
- 2021 Advertising Committee – **Rick (chair), Melissa Trojanoski, Charlene, Carol**
- 2021 Policy and Procedure Committee – **Emma (chair), Marianne and Rick**

- 2021 Youth Committee – **Charlene (chair), Stacy Schmoll, Emma, Willis Plank, Amy Miller**
- 2021 Education Committee – **Penny (chair), Amy, Melissa, Tammy Feehan**
- 2021 Website Committee – **Betsy and Charlene (co chairs), Patty, Whitney Freeman**
- 2021 AI/ET Committee – **Marianne (chair), Teresa Hromis, Emma**
- 2021 By-Laws Committee – **Penny and Marianne (co-chairs), Sue, Anne and Melissa**

**Budget.**

- Rick moved to table the discussion of the budget to the next meeting to allow time for the President and Secretary/Treasurer to review historical spending and income trends. Sue seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

**Next Meeting.**

- Rick moved to schedule the next ARBA meeting for November 30, 2021 at 7:30 pm eastern. The motion was seconded by Charlene. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

**Adjournment.**

- Rick moved to adjourn the meeting. Charlene seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 pm.