

American Romney Breeders Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 7:30 pm eastern

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by ARBA President, Anne McIntyre-Lahner. This was a special meeting for committee reports only.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Anne McIntyre-Lahner-President Charlene Carlisle-Vice President Marianne DiTaranto-District 1 Scarlet Lamphier-District 2 Penny Swearingen-District 3 Sue Kalina-District 4 Tracy Haslem-District 5 Jeff Stump-District 6 Melissa Wubben-At Large Stephanie Booren-At Large Rick Trojanoski-At Large	

The minutes of the June 13, 2023 ARBA Meeting will be reviewed at the next regular meeting. There will be two sets of minutes for review at the next regular meeting.

Results of 2023 ARBA elections. Running unopposed, Marianne DiTaranto was re-elected as the District 1 ARBA Director. Running unopposed, Stacy Schmoll was elected as the District 3 ARBA Director. Running unopposed, Tracy Haslem was re-elected as the District 5 ARBA Director. Running unopposed, Anne McIntyre-Lahner was re-elected as the ARBA President. Running unopposed, Charlene Carlisle was re-elected as the ARBA Vice President. Penny Swearingen was elected as the new At-Large ARBA Director. Thank you to Melissa Wubben for her service as she finishes her term at At-Large Director.

Committee Reports.

Advertising. Nothing to report at this time.

AI/ET. Nothing to report at this time.

Bylaws & Policies and Procedures. Nothing to report at this time.

Education. Nothing to report at this time.

Annual Meeting.

Friday, September 1 at 2:30-4:00 pm: Old Board Meeting

Friday, September 1 at 6:30 pm: ARBA Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 2 at 10:00 am: New Board Meeting

Membership. Nothing to report at this time.

National Show and Sale. The minutes of the National Show and Sale Committee Meeting, held on June 26, 2023, were sent to the Board on June 26, 2023 via email. Jeff Stump announced that he was stepping down as the chair of the committee and Stephanie Booren would be the new committee chair. Stephanie read the minutes of that committee meeting that the Board had received on June 26, 2023. Anne thanked the committee for their hard work and creativity, and invited discussion from the Board.

The current rotation schedule dictates that an ARBA National Show be held every other year. Increasing the frequency to host an annual ARBA National Show could have positive and negative outcomes, and it was first considered if the Board wanted an annual National Show.

The Board discussed that having an annual ARBA National Show might better promote the Romney breed, and to do that, the venue for the annual National Show is an important consideration. NAILE was considered as a more frequent venue for the ARBA National Show because it is relatively close to the geographic center of the where Romney breeders live, is an established show, and could be seen as a marketing tool that gives long-term benefits to Romney breeders who bring stock to NAILE. On the other hand, NAILE is an expensive show to attend, and is far from both the east and west coast Romney breeders. Romneys have been on probation for having a separate breed show due to low entries, though entry numbers have been sufficiently high in the last several years. NAILE offers good facilities compared to some other shows, and there are some options for trucking animals considerable distances because sheep breeders from across the country attend NAILE.

The Board discussed the purpose of a National Show from the perspective of the Board and from the perspective of Romney exhibitors. The National Show and Sale Committee will consider formalizing a definition of a National Show in future committee work.

The Board was reminded that the National Show and Sale Committee is, for the second time, recommending a proposal for a National Show rotation, and recommended that the Board consider in a future meeting the power and scope of Committee recommendations, in general. Members of the National Show and Sale Committee expressed frustration at rehashing the minute details of the proposals the National Show and Sale Committee was bringing to the Board. Members of the National Show and Sale Committee reminded the Board that the goal of the meeting was to vote to accept or reject the specific suggestions made by the Committee. The Board also discussed the possible benefits and drawbacks to seeking input from the general membership in considering changes to the National Romney Show rotation.

Marianne moved that the National Romney Junior Show be held at the All-American Junior Show in 2024 through 2032, and the location of the National Romney Junior Show be re-evaluated in 2030. Charlene seconded the motion. Some ARBA Junior members love the thrill of a big show with tons of sheep and exhibitors, while other ARBA Juniors find it easier to connect with other young shepherds at smaller shows. The All-American Juniors Show is such a big event that there are well-planned activities, sheep-related and more general events, that ARBA Juniors can choose to engage in. In 2023, 23 ARBA Juniors exhibited 74 Romneys at the All-American Junior Show, suggesting that a significant number of ARBA Juniors can and do attend and participate. Currently, the All-American Junior Show does not rotate to the west

coast, which may prohibit ARBA Juniors on the west coast from participating. ARBA may be able to assist in helping junior members in finding transportation to and from the All-American Junior Show.

Penny moved to amend the motion to state that the National Romney Junior Show be held at the All-American Junior Show except in years when the National Romney Show is held on the west coast starting in 2024 through 2032, in which case that National Romney Junior Show will be held in conjunction with the National Romney Show, to be re-evaluated in 2030. Rick seconded the amendment. The Board discussed whether a west coast show could make a bid to host the All-American Junior Show.

Sue moved to amend the amendment to state that the National Romney Junior Show be held at the All-American Junior show in years when the National Romney Show is held at NAILE starting in 2024 through 2032, and the National Romney Junior Show be held in conjunction with the National Romney Show when it takes place on the east coast or west coast, to be re-evaluated in 2030. Stephanie seconded the motion as amendment to the amendment. The amendment to the amendment failed.

The amendment to the motion was voted on and passed. The main motion as amended passed.

Marianne moved that the National Romney Show follow a six-year rotation as follows: 2023 at NAILE, 2024 at NAILE, 2025 on the east coast, 2026 at NAILE, 2027 at NAILE, 2028 on the west coast, 2029 at NAILE. The rotation of the National Romney Show will be reviewed in 2027 to determine the location of the National Romney Show for the years 2030-2036. The motion was seconded by Charlene.

Sue moved to amend the motion to state that the National Romney Show follow a four-year rotation as follows: 2023 at NAILE, 2024 on the east coast, 2025 at NAILE, 2026 on the west coast, 2027 at NAILE, 2028 on the east coast, 2029 at NAILE. The rotation of the National Romney Show will be reviewed in 2027 to determine the locations of the National Show for the years 2030 through 2036. Rick seconded the amendment. The Board discussed how much emphasis should be placed on NAILE, considering the array of positive and negative attributes that show has. It was noted that the six-year rotation puts the National Romney Show on the west coast at the same frequency as the current rotation schedule, while the four-year rotation schedule suggested in the amendment increases the frequency of the National Romney Show happening on the west coast as compared to the current rotation.

Marianne moved to amend the amendment to state that the National Romney Show follow a four-year rotation as follows: 2023 at NAILE, 2024 on the east coast, 2025 at NAILE, 2026 on the west coast, 2027 at NAILE, 2028 on the east coast, 2029 at NAILE. The rotation of the National Romney Show will be reviewed in 2025. The motion was not seconded.

The amendment to the main motion carried. The main motion as amended carried.

Jeff moved that the National Show and Sale Committee continue to permanently direct National Romney Shows and Sale, leading the annual planning of the National Romney Show and National Sale, and announcing the location of each show three years prior to the event, and working closely with the show chair and director to ensure a successful event. Marianne seconded the motion.

Rick moved to amend the motion to state that the National Show and Sale Committee will permanently direct the National Romney Show and Sale, leading the annual planning and

assisting with fundraising of the National Romney Show and National Romney Sale, and announcing the location of each show three years prior to the event, and working closely with the show chair and director to ensure a successful event. Jeff seconded the amendment. The amendment carried. It was noted that securing donors and sponsors is an important part of hosting a successful National Romney Show. Sue stated that in helping prepare for the National Romney Show at the Oregon State Fair in 2022, donors were not limited to west coast Romney breeders, and there were many generous donors which contributed to the success of the show. There was further clarification that the intent of the motion under consideration is to formalize the National Show and Sale Committee's support of the local Show Chair and district director. The motion as amended carried.

Marianne moved that the 2024 National Romney Show be held at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts. Rick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the hard work of the National Show and Sale Committee and thanked them.

Ways and Means. Nothing to report at this time.

Website. The website committee has worked to centralize the location of documents on the ARBA website, including moving some documents to a "References" subtab. Other documents would be best to keep in the "About ARBA" menu, including the Bylaws and the forms that are used most often. General information, such as information about Romney genetics would be moved to the "References" tab. Marianne will be sending some documents to Stephanie to add to the website, and Stephanie will get those items posted in the proper places on the ARBA website.

Youth. All American and NEYSS went great. Full details will be included in the upcoming edition of the Romney Ramblings.

Adjournment. The meeting of the ARBA Board of Directors was adjourned at 10:18 pm eastern.