

American Romney Breeders Association  
Special Called Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, October 11, 2023 8:00 pm eastern

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by ARBA President, Anne McIntyre-Lahner.

Present Anne McIntyre-Lahner-President Charlene Carlisle-Vice President Marianne DiTaranto-District 1 Scarlet Lamphier-District 2 Sue Kalina-District 4 Tracy Haslem-District 5 Jeff Stump-District 6 Stephanie Booren-At Large Rick Trojanoski-At Large Penny Swearingen-At Large	Absent Stacy Schmoll-District 3
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The National Show and Sale Committee requested a Special BOD meeting to discuss the purchase of a set of rotating trophies to be given as annual prizes at the ARBA National Show. The concept of rotating trophies was originally presented by ARBA member Ethan Kennedy, and the first set of trophies have already been purchased with the expectation that the Board will reimburse Mr. Kennedy. The Committee envisions the trophies, described as fancy metal cups with room for a name plate at the base, will be in rotation for approximately 20 years. (The photos below were provided by the Committee following the BOD meeting.) Each trophy will honor an influential Romney breeder. At the inaugural National Show and initial awarding of the rotating trophies, a description of the outstanding contributions to ARBA and the Romney breed of each honored shepherd will be announced.

The rotating trophies will be awarded in the following categories and in honor of the following individuals:

- National Champion White Ram: Lynn Barnes
- National Champion White Ewe: JoAnn Mast
- National Champion Natural Colored Ram: Larry and Galia Bullock
- National Champion National Colored Ewe: Ed and Helen Julian
- White Best Fleece on Foot: Jack Kalina
- Natural Colored Best Fleece on Foot: Morris Culver

Concerns voiced by Board members include:

- Logistical challenges of getting the trophies to each National Show, especially if the exhibitor holding the previous year's trophy will not be attending at the next year's show

- Future costs associated with fixing damaged trophies
- Future costs associated with cleaning trophies before presentation at each National Show
- Concern that ARBA is focusing a disproportionate amount of attention and budget on the small group of nationally-competitive ARBA members

Other discussion:

- The Committee would like to consider including a rotating Futurity trophy in the future
- In the future, an entire National Show may be dedicated to a Romney breeder in recognition of outstanding contributions to ARBA and the breed
- It needs to be confirmed that NAILE's rules specifically state that only ARBA members showing ARBA-registered sheep will be allowed to show

The National Show and Sale Committee assured the Board that all costs associated with the rotating trophies would be covered by fundraising efforts, and would not be drawn from the ARBA annual budget.

Charlene moved to establish the ARBA national rotating trophies as outlined above, with associated costs coming from fundraising efforts. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

