

American Romney Breeders Association  
Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Held on Zoom  
Tuesday, June 13, 2024, 7:30 pm Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by Anne McIntyre-Lahner.
2. Attendance: The following members were in attendance: Anne McIntyre-Lahner, President; Charlene Carlisle, Vice President; Marianne DiTaranto, District 1; Stacey Schmoll, District 3; Sue Kalina, District 4; Tracy Haslem, District 5; Stephanie Booren, At-Large; Rick Trojanoski, At-Large; Penny Swearingen, At-Large. The Secretary/Treasurer and the District 6 positions are vacant. Scarlet Lamphier, District 2 not present.
3. Review and approval of minutes from Board Meeting of March 19, 2024: Rick moved to table the approval of the meeting minutes to allow time for the members to read the minutes. Charlene seconded the motion. All were in Favor.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: There were no further reports provided.

4. Proposed Budget by Ways and Means Committee: Sue shared the proposed budget and walked the Board through 4 years of actuals and highlights. Comments: There is an increase in membership with NARA members. The Junior Account comes from savings and the budget for the All America is \$1400. The budget looks good.

Stephanie motioned to approve the proposed budget. Tracy seconded the motion. Board unanimously approved the budget.

5. District Reports.

District 1: The New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Growers Association Lambing Clinic was hosted by Winding Wicks Farm and was well attended. In New England the Connecticut Fiber Festival, The New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival and the Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft fair were all successful and Romneys were well represented. The Northeast Youth Sheep Show will be held in Springfield Ma in July. The annual meeting and show will be coming up in September at the Big E. Report provided by Marianne DiTaranto

District 2: No Report

District 3: Things are quiet. The Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association recently held their Spring Preview Show. There are upcoming Midwest festivals this fall and the All American is in District 3 this year. Report provided by Stacey Schmoll.

District 4: Jeff Rupert from Pa will be judging the fleeces at the Black Sheep Gathering. N.A.R.A. new members will be contacted. Report provided by Sue Kalina.

District 5: The Shepherds Extravaganza was held in Enumclaw WA. The spring youth and fleece show were successful. The numbers at the state fairs are increasing with the reduced threat of Malignant catarrhal fever. Report provided by Tracey Haslem.

District 6: No report.

6. Committee Reports.

Advertising: No new report.

AI/ET: No new report.

Bylaws: No new report.

Education: Penny has stated that the Education Committee will be looking at providing information on parasite management. Report by Penny Swearingen

Membership: Rick and the committee are reviewing redistricting. Report by Rick Trojanowski.

National Show: The rooms have been blocked for the annual meeting and show in Springfield Ma. Charlene did a great job of organizing the National Sale. A few ram lambs did not sell. It is better to sell lambs than yearlings as lambs can be used for the Ohio 4-H sheep projects. The lamb, donated by the Plank family with \$550.00 of donation bids from Romney sheep breeders raised \$1050. The settlement checks will go out by the end of this month. The live stream was not done well. The placings were announced but it was difficult to see. Buyers trying to watch the show could not do so because the camera was on the same level and people were blocking the view by standing in the way.

The events for the annual meeting are as follows:

Friday, September 20: Old Board Meeting at the Storrowton Tavern at 2:00 pm

Annual Meeting: 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 21: New Board Meeting in the conference room above the Mallory Complex at 9:00 am

Sunday, September 22: National Romney Open Show in the Mallory Complex: 1:00 pm  
Report by Stephanie Booren, Charlene Carlisle and Marianne DiTaranto.

Policy and Procedure: No Report. Stephanie and Marianne did review Social Media policies for approval by the P&P when they meet next.

Ways and Means: Report provided above.

Website: Stephanie has been checking on the mentors listed across the country. The Color Genetics page needs some work. Tawanda Farms called Anne and stated that ARBA is using Tawanda Farms copyrighted material on the Color Genetics page. ARBA needs to review or add a policy including “ must get permission in writing” for protection. The Color Genetics page was created prior to the new website being created. The page was last updated in 2020. Anne will follow up with Tawanda Farms for specifics. The rest of the information will go back up. Stephanie is also working on control of the Facebook page under Larry Haslem and Randy Thompson. Report by Stephanie Booren and Anne McIntyre-Lahner.

Youth: At the National Junior Romney Show held at the 2024 All American Junior Sheep Show, there were 17 exhibitors with 56 head of sheep with 30 white and 26 Natural Colored. There were ample awards and sponsorships and an amazing ice cream social. This year, no one on the waitlist was able to get in. There were approximately 2536 head of sheep in 35 breed categories and 578 plus youth exhibitors. Report by Charlene Carlisle.

## 7. Old Business

Secretary/Treasurer recommendation from search group: Jodi Rametes is a strong candidate for the secretary/treasurer position. According to Tracy, she is consistent and responds fast. Georgina will work for an easy transition for the new secretary/treasurer. Tracy moved to appoint Jodi Rametes as the new Secretary/Treasurer of ARBA. We authorize her to conduct all money matters of the organization including checking, savings, and CD's. Also to remove Georgina Anderson from all accounts as she is no longer the Secretary/Treasurer. The President and Vice President are to remain on the accounts. The salary will remain the same.

Charlene Seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved. The salary will be the same.

NARA Update: Previously a motion was passed for NARA members returning to ARBA to allow discounts on transfers and membership until May 31, 2024. Due to technical difficulties, this was not possible. After much discussion concerning fee schedules and

timelines, the general thought was that those involved chose the easiest and most effective way to move forward while working through technical difficulties.

Election Update: Anne took care of the ballots after the committees turned in their nominations and the statements were in by the 15th. The ballots went out on June 5 and had to be returned and postmarked by July 15 to be counted. Although each committee attempted to find at least two candidates for each position, there was only 1 candidate for each position. Thank you Anne!

8. New Business:

There was a discussion about how quickly the new secretary/treasurer could be brought on board. All board members are anxious for a quick process.

The Meeting was adjourned by President Anne McIntyre-Lahner at 9:24 pm.  
Minutes respectfully taken by Marianne DiTaranto