

American Romney Breeders Association
Minutes of the Old Board of Directors Meeting
Held on
Friday, September 20, 2024, 2:00 pm Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm by Vice President Charlene Carlisle.
2. Attendance: The following members were in attendance: Anne McIntyre, President Not present; Charlene Carlisle, Vice President; Marianne DiTaranto, District 1; Scarlet Lamphier, District 2 Not Present; 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. Not Present
3. Review and approval of minutes from Board Meeting of August 28, 2024: Stephanie moved to amend the minutes to read that Rick asked for clarification on Tracy's motion but did not make a motion to clarify a correction. Marianne seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
4. Secretary/Treasurer Report: There is currently \$7,562.73 in the General checking account. Anne is working on making changes with Wells Fargo.
5. District Reports.

District 1: Has been busy preparing for the National Show. Report provided by Marianne DiTaranto

District 2: NY Sheep & Wool Festival will be Oct 19 & 20th in Rhinebeck, NY. Reported by Scarlet Lamphier

District 3: Still getting familiar with everyone in the district. Shows have been good. Report provided by Stacey Schmoll.

District 4: We are thrilled to have NARA members back and look forward to the changes as communication has gone well and it seems they were ready. It has been nice to talk with breeders. There was paperwork issues with the fair office but that got resolved by the time the show was underway. Oregon State Fair had a great turnout with over 100 fleeces and lots of sheep. Maria Rooney from Silvercreek Lambscapes had Overall NC Fleece. Anne Nichols had champion white ram. Kalina Family had champion white ewe. Maria Rooney had champion natural colored ram and ewe. Addison Booren had overall supreme white fleece Bentley Brodniak had the overall supreme natural colored fleece. Maria Rooney also won Supreme Wool Get of Sire with her natural colored Romneys. Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival was happening the same weekend as the Big E. Over 400 fleeces exhibited this year. Spinning fleeces have been selling very well. Report provided by Sue Kalina.

District 5: Multiple members from districts 4 and 5 have requested Romneys be at the Nugget Sale in Reno. Tracy is getting more information from Willoughby's. Report provided by Tracy Haslem.

District 6: No report.

6. Committee Reports.

Advertising: 3 projects are underway. Branding Romney Lamb meat & Wool. Romney blanket project from American Romney Wool. Rick is looking into Mills that can make the blankets. Also looking into an Etsy Shop for print on demand.

AI/ET: Organizing and Updating Website Forms. Also Researching Requirements for Australia & New Zealand and how to match with other countries in registration.

Bylaws: Doing well at getting information together. Forming one group to fill in gaps that may be in Policy Procedures.

Education: Penny has stated that the Education Committee will be looking at providing information on parasite management and will be published in the Ramblings. Also Genetic Testing.

Membership: The printed directory requested was quoted well over budget, so they made a downloadable PDF and it's on the website. They will be looking at possible redistricting as two districts have less than 15 members and two districts had no competition in this year's elections.

National Show: Its Time!!! A great weekend ahead. 28 people registered for the annual dinner. The show is in order. All the rotating trophies have been returned. 18 fleeces were entered between the white and natural colored Romneys with over 100 fleeces in the Big E. ARBA has tumblers for fleece awards. Sue requested that participation awards be presented to all members entering the show as it is required by our national show and sale policy and was not at last year's show at NAILE. Charlene let us know everyone would be getting a T-Shirt this year.

The national show and sale committee proposed after much review that the 2026 ARBA national show be held at the Clark County Fair in Washington state. Rick moved to approve the proposal. Marianne seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Policy and Procedure: Tim Fleener has agreed to assist with Policy & Procedure.

Ways and Means: Sue volunteered to create the year end financial report with the Board's approval. Charlene volunteered to send her bank statements from January through June. Sue already has the July through December statements from Georgina. Sue will work with Charlene to complete the 2023-2024 fiscal year end report so our new secretary/treasurer can start fresh as of July 1, 2024. Reported by Sue Kalina

Website: We have brought back Advertising on the website. A new policy for Facebook control protocols have been requested and sent to Policies and Procedures committee due to Facebook issues. Stephanie is also working on control of the Facebook page under Larry Haslem and Randy Thompson. Stephanie will also work on creating the remaining district group pages. Report by Stephanie Booren

Youth: The youth have been busy. Lots of Supremes and very active at Maryland State Fair where there was Supreme Ram, Ewe & Fleece. Report by Charlene Carlisle.

7. Old Business: None.

8. New Business:

NARA wants to donate \$1,600.00 to ARBA for a Scholarship. They requested it be named after them. Tracy explained that it was necessary to disburse their remaining funds for educational purposes so they can properly terminate their treasury. Stephanie moved to accept funds from the former North American Romney Association to be used for an educational potential scholarship with details to be worked out in the future. Rick seconded. All in were in favor, motion passed.

The Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Charlene Carlisle at 3:13pm