

American Romney Breeders Association
Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Held on
Friday, September 20, 2024, 6:00 pm Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:13 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 Not Present; Sue Kalina, District 4 Not Present; Tracy Haslem, District 5 Not Present; 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. Member Tim Fleener graciously provided an invocation before the meal.
4. Secretary/Treasurer Report: There is currently \$7,562.73 in the General checking account. Anne is working on making changes with Wells Fargo. Rick moved to approve the minutes. Marianne seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
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: 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 via Stephanie Booren.

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 via Stephanie Booren.

District 6: No report.

6. Committee Reports.

Advertising: 3 projects are underway. Branding Romney Lamb & Wool. Romney blanket project from American Romney Wool. Rick is looking into Mills that can make the blankets. Also looking into an Etsy Shop. Report by Rick Trojanoski.

AI/ET: Organizing and Updating Website Forms. Researching Requirements for Australia & New Zealand and how to match w/ other countries in registration. Report by Marianne DiTaranto.

Bylaws: Forming 1 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 Report presented by Rick Trojanowski.

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. Report by Rick Trojanoski.

National Show: We are happily moving through the new national show rotation. Updates to match the new show rotation and separation of the national junior show and nation open show have been sent over to the policies and procedures committee. We are brainstorming on how best to support our members in place of the regional shows. We are excited to see who will be next names on the new rotating trophies for Champion White Ram and Ewe, Natural Colored Ram and Ewe as well as the new rotating plaques for Best Fleeced White and Natural Colored Romney. Hooray the show is here! Next year's national show will be at NAILE where there will be a special fleece show as well. The 2026 National Open Show and National Junior Show will be held at the Clark County Fair in Washington State. Report provided by Stephanie Booren. Marianne added that there are 90 sheep entered in the national show at Big E and 24 exhibitors. The fleece show will be on 9/21/24 at 9:30am.

Policy and Procedure: Tim Fleener has agreed to assist with Policy & Procedure. Report by Marianne DiTaranto.

Ways and Means: The committee will work together to finish the fiscal year-end statement so the new secretary/treasurer can start fresh. Report presented by Stephanie Booren.

Website: We have brought back Advertising on the website. It's free for all current members but you need to login to place an ad; if you do not know your login information please email the secretary or the website chairman for a password reset. Ads can consist of specific sheep, wool, wool products or the farm/member in general. The board minutes have been updated to include all minutes currently approved. The membership mentors page has been updated so people are available in each district for new and interested ARBA members. We hope to start a member spotlight mini article by district in the new year. 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:

8. New Business:

NARA wants to donate \$1,600.00 To ARBA for a potential scholarship. We have voted 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.

The Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Charlene Carlisle