

American Romney Breeders Association  
Minutes of the New Board of Directors Meeting  
Held on  
Saturday, September 21, 2024, 8:00 am Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 8:12am by Vice President Charlene Carlise.
2. Attendance: The following members were in attendance: Anne McIntyre-Lahner, President Not Present ; Charlene Carlise, Vice President; Marianne DiTaranto, District 1; Patty Sanville, District 2; Stacey Schmoll, District 3; Sue Kalina, District 4; Tracy Haslem, District 5; Ethan Kennedy, District 6; Stephanie Booren, At-Large; Rick Trojanoski, At-Large; Penny Swearingen, At-Large. The Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Secretary/Treasurer Report: There is currently \$7,562.73 in the General checking account. The Junior account \$5,945.55 CD \$101.93 in interest. Anne is working on making changes with Wells Fargo. Rick moved to accept the report. Marianne seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. It was requested that a check be cut to AR for bills received and a check be cut to Jodi Rametes for her time as the new secretary/treasurer.
4. District Reports.

District 1: The dinner for the National Show was very good. Dinner was delicious. Silent Auction raised \$583.00 for Juniors. A jewelry maker on the grounds donated a beautiful necklace made of turquoise and another vendor in one of the state buildings donated a sheep potholder. Half of that money will go to District 2 juniors and the other half to be divided among the other districts for junior awards. The show entries were 24 exhibitors and 90 head of Romneys. All exhibitors and Board members received a long sleeve ARBA T-Shirt. Report provided by Marianne DiTaranto.

District 2: Busy with County and State Fair shows. Rhinebeck, Maryland State and NAILE are next. Reported by Patty Sanville.

District 3: Romneys have been a strong force in the showrings across the states. Supreme Ram and Ewe in Illinois. Kentucky had Youth show Supreme was a Romney. Wisconsin also had Romney Supremes. Fiber shows have done well in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin just finished. Overall things are going well, lots of youth have aged out and the plan is to keep encouraging the growth of wool breeds. Report provided by Stacey Schmoll.

District 4: Oregon Flock and Fiber had a tremendous fleece turn out with over 400 fleeces. Lots of sheep in the barn too. There is a growing number of Junior Romney kids. Report provided by Sue Kalina.

District 5: There was good participation at the Spring Youth Fair. Five junior Romney exhibitors. The Supreme ram was a Romney out of 21 breeds represented. Looking into having Romneys represented at the Nugget sale in May. Fiber Fusion had over 300 fleeces where Romneys were well represented. Report provided by Tracy Haslem.

District 6: NAILE is coming up, the largest sheep show in the world. There is a large wool show as well. Romneys are the featured breed. Reported by Ethan Kennedy.
5. Committee Reports.

Advertising: Three projects are underway. Branding Romney Lamb & Wool. Romney blanket project from American Romney Wool, looking for help with a round logo. Rick is looking into Mills that can make the blankets. Also looking into an Etsy Shop for print on demand products. The new committee is Rick Trojanoski, Melissa Trojanoski, Theresa Walker, and Tracy Haslem. Reported by Rick Trojanoski.

AI/ET: Documents have been updated, approved and updated on the website. Need to figure out the best way to record imported semen from New Zealand. They will be researching requirements for Australia & New Zealand and how to get ours to match with other countries in registration. The new committee is Marianne DiTaranto, Ethan Kennedy, Theresa Walker, and Mallory Schmoll. Reported by Marianne DiTaranto.

Bylaws/ Policy and Procedures: Happy to have new members to help with policy and procedures subcommittee. The bylaws need to be updated and replaced on the website. The new committee is Marianne DiTaranto (chair), Sue Kalina (bylaws), Penny Swearingen (bylaws team lead), and Patty Sanville (bylaws). Tim Fleener will join for policy & procedures and become team leader. Emma Rogers will join on policy & procedures. Rick Trojanoski will remain on policy and procedures.

Education: Penny Swearingen has stated that the education committee will be looking at providing information on parasite management. Melissa Wubben will stay on, Patty Sanville will Chair. Penny Swearingen would like to step down. Report by Penny Swearingen. It was noted that a new brochure and a new board for fair may be needed.

Membership: Rick and the committee are reviewing redistricting and membership directory. They will also look into creating a new member packet with information about registration, showing, member login, and maybe even a membership card. It was noted that Emma may have information on a 2022 member packet. New committee will be Ethan Kennedy, Stacy Schmoll, Anne McIntyre-Lahner and Rick Trojanoski as chair. Reported by Rick Trojanoski.

National Show: NAILE needs an in-person representative in March because communication with NAILE is sometimes difficult, sometimes not. It was noted that ARBA is small in the good ole boys club. The more active breeders say being there in person helps get attention and a bigger vote for when your group shows. Charlene went last year and it helped. Stephanie Booren will continue as chair, Ethan Kennedy, Charlene Carlisle, Tracy Haslem, Marianne DiTaranto, Teresa Hromis, and Stacy Schmoll will remain on the committee. Reported by Stephanie Booren.

Ways and Means: The main focus is the budget and to help reconstruct the last fiscal year for an actuals report. The secretary/treasurer handoff has not been as smooth as it could be. It was noted that associated registries numbers are important and getting a summary and numbers on registrations and transactions might help with the report. Sue Kalina will continue as chair, Charlene Carlisle, and Anne McIntyre-Lahner will remain on the committee. Reported by Sue Kalina.

Website: Stephanie Booren will continue as chairman. Charlene Carlisle, Patty Sanville, and Whitney Freeman will remain on the committee. Reported by Stephanie Booren.

Youth: Charlene Carlisle will continue as chairman, Emma Rogers, Stacy Schmoll, and Willis Plank will serve on the committee as well. Report by Charlene Carlisle.

Documentation: Penny Swearingen will chair, committee will also have Anne McIntyre-Lahner and Jodi Rametes.

6. Old Business:

NARA wants to donate \$1,600.00 To ARBA for a Scholarship. Funds need to be used for an education purpose. ARBA moved to accept the funds from former NARA with details to be worked out in the future about a potential educational scholarship. Tabled for future discussion. Toni and Maria will work with Anne on making the funds transfer and Tracy will be available as well.

There was also a letter from Toni from NARA member's concern regarding registration times and mistakes on papers with Associated Registry. Associated Registry has been correcting them. There was one pure white ram registration paper marked as BB and was redone correctly. It's the busy season for registration, AR is much larger than NARA was and return times reflect that.

7. New Business:

- We would like to reach out to AR and see if we can get access to data base and do all papers online. Other breeds have a searchable database and have registration available online. AR is in the middle of a change.
- Stacy had a great idea about putting Sponsorship forms with Membership forms on website to help gain income to ARBA and make it easy to donate when renewing membership.
- Getting Venmo and getting it on the website so members can use that to pay. Sue made a motion that the American Romney Breeder Association set up a Venmo account for taking payments. Ethan Kennedy seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.
- Document committee needs to update the buyer checklist, remove the gaggle step, and the membership application form. Send to website committee for online updates.
- Need better wording in premium books for ARBA registered animals only for ARBA sponsored shows like NAILE (NAILE general rule \$4). Romney Alliance registration issues. People are having issues registering sheep in American Romney Breeders Association for shows. Ethan moved that ARBA reserves the right to reject any entry for any show where American Romney Breeders Association contributes to the premiums or awards and the member(s) must be in good standings with American Romney Breeders Association. Marianne DiTaranto seconded the motion There was some clarification discussion. 1 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion passes.

Next Meeting is set for December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm EST.

The Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Charlene Carlisle at 10:20am