

American Romney Breeders Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Held on Zoom
Wednesday February 13, 2025, 7:35pm Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by President Anne McIntyre-Lahner.
2. Attendance: The following members were in attendance: Anne McIntyre-Lahner, President; Charlene Carlisle, Vice President; Marianne DiTaranto, District 1; Patricia Sanville, District 2; Stacy Schmoll, District 3; Sue Kalina, District 4; Tracy Haslem, District 5; Stephanie Booren, At-Large; Rick Trojanoski, At-Large; Penny Swearingen, At-Large. District 6; Ethan Kennedy, and Secretary/Treasurer; Jodi Rametes
3. Secretary Report: PayPal is once again live to pay memberships. Oregon Secretary of State has been renewed. We do not need to file with the Oregon Department of Justice. I am working at going through all the prior PayPal account for memberships. I also went through AR spreadsheet and am trying to reconcile them. Patricia moved to accept the Secretary report. Marianne seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.
4. Treasure Report: I had an appointment with Wells Fargo to be added to account. Junior Savings account \$6,224.00, CD \$16,691.11. Total income of \$32,683.43, Expenses of \$6,413.08 leaving a balance of \$32,683.43 in checking account. It was noted there was a missing check to Select Livestock Sales. Patricia had asked about Ramblings income, it was not on the treasury report. I will add a column for ads and I will invoice the last 2 Ramblings. Patricia moved to accept the report. Charlene seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
5. Review and approval of minutes from Board Meeting in December, Stephanie corrected that NARA offered money for an educational purpose like a scholarship in which ARBA approved the offer. No money has been given to ARBA and NARA will be in charge of dispersing funds. This is a one time scholarship given by NARA. Stephanie clarified the location of the National Meeting. The National Show & Sale policy states that the Annual Meeting is to be held at the National Show. Ethan made a motion to hold the Annual Meeting in 2025 in Louisville, KY. Sue moved to accept the meeting minutes as corrected, Marianne seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
6. District Reports.
District 1: Blue Ribbon Sheep Forum Ay Yukon for youth and parents. 60 kids and 40 adults participated. Maine Sheep Breeders Lambing workshop. Shearing workshop in March in Connecticut. Big E will not be a Regional Show. Report provided by Marianne DiTaranto

District 2: Shearing School, Wool Festivals, Seminars are being put together for further education for the youth. More sessions to be done in the future. Reported provided by Patty

District 3: Busy with Clinic, Sales, Fiber festivals. Ohio Sale in May for Romneys. Ed Julian will be the judge for the National Sale. Michigan Fiber Festivals in March. Lambing Workshops in February for youth & adults. Lots of January lambs and multiples. Report provided by Stacey Schmoll. Charlene and Marianne added that there will be an ARBA supported Sale, Breeders World, June 6/7 at Illinois Fair, and it will mainly be a bred ewe sale. The official ARBA national sale will remain in Ohio.

District 4: Snow, Ice and no lambs. Breeding season off. Huge lambs this year. Not a lot going on at this time. Report provided by Sue Kalina.

District 5: No report as Tracy came in late.

District 6: Carolina Fiber Fest, Working on planning National Show NAILE. Report provided by Ethan Kennedy

7. Committee Reports.

Bylaws: Nothing new to report. Reported by Marianne.

Policy & Procedures: AI/ET policy is 100% up to date online. Reported by Marianne. Stephanie added they should be working on the Facebook Security Control Protocol as approved by the website committee and updating the National Show and Sale Policy as approved by the national show and sale committee.

AI/ET: The committee met and approved Stephen Schaffer request to register New Zealand stud buck. Marrienne made the motion to approve TT10JOSOUTH7084-22 be approved to register 355 straws in the ARBA Registry for Anchorage Farms. Rick Seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Reported by Marianne DiTaranto.

Education: Did not have a committee meeting. Will get a meeting together. Report by Patricia Sanville.

Membership: Committee has not met but has shared what is on agenda. Reported by Rick Trojanowski

National Show: Committee have not met yet but will set up meeting. Moving forward with National Sale in Ohio. District 6 is hosting the National Show. NAILE Junior show will be Saturday. The National Junior Show is with the All-American Junior Show in Springfield, IL. Reported by Stephanie Booren and Ethan Kennedy.

Ways and Means: Putting the budget together for next meeting. Working with Jodi on Excel programs. Reported by Sue Kalina.

Website: Website updating information, forms, addresses. Reported by Stephanie Booren.

Youth: Futurity, Sunday Selfies, Romney people that went to ASI saw a good turnout. Report by Charlene Carlisle.

Documentation Control: Will meet with Jodi. We need to have detailed procedure for treasures report and how steps around each report. Trying to access Google Workspace. Reported by Penny Swearingen.

Ramblings: Next deadline April 7th to be published by April 14th. Author acknowledgement. Reported by Patricia Sanville

Advertising Committee: NEW - Reported by Rick Trojanoski

8. Old Business:

Associated Registry Online Registrations can be done for a one time fee of \$400-\$600 and a recurring annual fee of approximately \$135.

Redistricting. Ethan asked if the number of board members is sufficient. Will not be able to get it done by this voting cycle. Concern is can we cut it down? How do we want to break down? By geographically or by where most members are? Committee will continue to work on this. Either way we need to inform members by putting this in the Ramblings. Anne would like combine renewal memberships and voting privileges by X Date. Discussion was started by Anne: Do we want to considered doing away with late fees and that any dues paid by April 1st will be eligible to vote. Rick moved to accept discussion and Ethan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Voting Privileges for youth members. A voting junior member age is 18 as long as they have paid full membership dues.

9. New Business: Elections notice. Anne shared documents for 2025 proposed Election Schedule and a list of open positions along with the elections committees. We voted and approved to set up Venmo in September. Jodi is to setup Venmo as soon as possible and Stephanie can add paylinks on the website.

The meeting was adjourned by President Anne McIntyre-Lahner at 9:59pm EST .

Next Meeting April 24th @ 7:30pm EST