

American Romney Breeders Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Held on Zoom
Wednesday April 24, 2025, 7:30pm Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm EST 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 joined late; 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: Working with Associated Sheep Registry about starting online registrations. Working on website to find out why a good portion of the subscribers are not listed under members and that there are members that are not even on website under subscribers (non-members). Patricia moved to accept the Secretary report; Marianne seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.
4. Treasure Report: Junior Savings account \$6,605.00, CD \$16,758.84. Expenses of \$2,599.00 leaving a balance of \$8,160.00 in checking account. Sue moved to accept the report. Rick seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
5. Review and approval of minutes from Board Meetings for February. Sue noted that there was a misspelled word (3) PayPal (6) District 3 Breeders World was corrected. (9) Anne shared documents for the 2025 proposed election schedule. Sue requested that it be attached to meeting minutes. Sent schedule to Sue. Rick noted that the word new was after the advertising committee. I explained that it was a "New" line items since it was not on the agenda prior to this. Rick moved to accept minutes as corrected, Sue seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
6. District Reports.

District 1: Lots going on through winter, Fiber works shops, Farmers Market. Connecticut had a shearing clinic also New Hampshire. Lots of snow. Few groups that got together and did wool prep and felting along the sea coast. Connecticut and New Hampshire had their Sheep & Wool Festivals. Massachusetts Sheep and Wool Craft Fair. July NEYSS is coming up. Lots of opportunities for District 1. Report provided by Marianne DiTaranto.

District 2: Wool Festival in Maryland. Reported provided by Patricia Sanville.

District 3: Fiber Festivals started last weekend in February. Great Lakes in Wooster. Busy with fiber shows, All American in Springfield, OH. Reported by Penny Swearingen.

District 4: Fiber Festivals are starting in Oregon both on the East side and West Side of the mountains. Oregon Romney breeders had a meeting and had a good turnout. Talked about changes at the Oregon State fair. Report provided by Sue Kalina.

District 5: No report as Tracy came in late.

District 6: North Carolina Fiber in March. Report provided by Ethan Kennedy

7. Committee Reports.

Bylaws: Nothing new to report. Reported by Marianne.

Policy & Procedures: Nothing new to report. Reported by Marianne.

AI/ET: Nothing done with any more with is. Next meeting will have to have it restructured. Reported by Marianne DiTaranto.

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

Membership: Did not have a meeting. Reported by Rick Trojanowski

National Show: Committee did not have a meeting. Reported by Stephanie Booren and Ethan Kennedy.

Ways and Means: Helped with Treasure getting Excel forms moved to Jodi. Working on budget. Reported by Sue Kalina.

Website: Will be updating AR forms with new address. Reported by Stephanie Booren.

Youth: Sunday Selfies is keeping busy but last one is next month. NEYSS and All American coming up to keep everyone busy. Report by Charlene Carlisle.

Documentation Control: Jodi and Penny had a meeting about Google Workspace but were unable to get in as we don't have Admin login information. Cannot get Google to reply with help. Asked for documents from Committee leaders. Reported by Penny Swearingen.

Ramblings: Patty will be retiring after the next one goes out. She will help find an editor. Reported by Patricia Sanville

Advertising Committee: - Reported by Rick Trojanoski

8. Old Business:

Ethan spoke to Tor about online registration. Due to AR moving and updating their system this would not be possible until the end of the year. There are breeds ahead of us who have solidified their place in line to be converted to an online registration. Then there will be a onetime fee of \$350.00 to \$400.00 depending on how many entries are already in system that will have to be transitioned over. The monthly fee, \$30.00 after that at lowest premium level but can be increased depending on which package we want. Anne suggested that we table this until the new board comes on in November since we don't have all the information. Marianne moved to move forward to bookmark our place with AR for the change and move forward after asking AR for an official proposal. Charlene seconded it. All were in favor, motion carried. Marianne then amended the motion to move forward with this after receiving pricing quote from AR. The amendment was voted down.

Ethan brought up the request to have a membership list of paid dues with Excel Spreadsheet with 2025 memberships.

Voting committees updated on current voting nominees per district.
Previous meeting we voted to set up Venmo. Jodi to set up Venmo as soon as possible and Stephanie can add pay link on the website.

9. New Business:

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

Next Meeting July 22nd @ 7:30pm EST