

American Romney Breeders Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Held on Zoom
Tuesday July 22, 2025, 7:30pm Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm 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 Not Present; Stacy Schmoll, District 3; Sue Kalina, District 4; Tracy Haslem, District 5 Not Present; Stephanie Booren, At-Large; Rick Trojanoski, At-Large; Penny Swearingen, At-Large. District 6; Ethan Kennedy, and Secretary/Treasurer; Jodi Rametes
3. Secretary Report: Updated Ballots, Printed labels, mailed out 76 ballots received 38 ballots back. Updating membership spreadsheet. Memberships still coming in received more and entered today. I contacted DSR Webmaster and all memberships if not paid by 1/31/26 then members drop off to Subscribers. Rick moved to accept the Secretary report Marianne seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.
4. Treasurers Report: Junior Savings account \$9,080.19, CD \$16,870.12. General checking account \$3,187.69. Sue moved to accept the report. Charlene seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
5. Review and approval of minutes from Board Meetings for April 24, 2025. Rick moved to accept minutes, Sue seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
6. District Reports.
District 1: Northeast Youth Sheep Show Numbers were down but Romneys were well represented. In New England Local Fairs. Report provided by Marianne DiTaranto.

District 2: No Report given. Reported provided by Patricia Sanville.

District 3: All American Show July 4th very warm. Romney Group got together on Sunday for breakfast. Many Romneys were present. County & State Fairs. Reported by Stacy Schmoll.

District 4: Black Sheep Gathering Romney winning top award. Lots of fleeces. County Fairs & State Fair coming up. Romney's well represented. Sue had Supreme Ewe Lamb at her county fair. Oregon Flock & Fiber is coming up in October. Report provided by Sue Kalina.

District 5: No report as Tracy came in late.

District 6: Not to much going on, just Louisville prep. Report provided by Ethan Kennedy
7. Committee Reports.
Bylaws: Nothing new to report. Reported by Marianne.

Policy & Procedures: Up to 22 years old can show as Jr. Still looking for that information. 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: No report given. Will get a meeting together. Report by Patricia Sanville.

Membership: They did have a meeting via email to discuss memberships. Different ways to maintain membership management. Anne asked about the new board members membership packets. Reported by Rick Trojanoski

National Show: Ethan is getting everything lined up. Proposals are underway for scheduling board meetings. Ethan working on getting a block of rooms for the hotel. Stacy spoke to Churchill downs about having meeting there from 12:00pm to 5:00pm as an option for meeting place. Ethan was going to look into a block of 10 rooms. Stephanie, on behalf of the committee, would like to propose to the board to begin a National Rotating Trophy for Flock award for both White & NC. Discussed naming it after individuals or farms that have made a impact on the Romney Breed. It would be the 1st place flock. In memory or recognition of so & so. Ethan made a motion that we as the Association recognizes that we have a rotating traveling trophy for the 1st place White & NC Flock at the National show given in recognition to an ARBA member on an annual basis. Stephanie Seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Reported by Stephanie Booren and Ethan Kennedy.

Ways and Means: Proposed budget for 2025 - 2026 starting July 1st. This was based on last 3 years. Questions on memberships for year to date. Sue explained about NARA membership. Questions on Google which we no longer use. Sue adjusted traveling board member expense to \$5,000.00. Stephanie moved to allow access funds from the CD to correct the budget. Rick seconded the motion. Motion did not pass. Ethan made a motion to split what is currently in budget amongst the board members that are going. Charlene seconded the motion. All where in favor. Motion Passes. Stephanie moved to use the District Direct Funds and use that money to use in travel expenses for board members. Sue seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Passed. Sue made a motion that the budget be changed to reflect the increase to \$2,300.00 for travel expenses for the board and eliminate the \$50.00 District Directors funds totaling \$300.00. Rick seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Discussion was brought up to pay Secretary with automatic payments. Rick moved to refer this to the Ways and Means Committee. Marianne seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed. Reported by Sue Kalina.

Website: Will be updating forms. Associated Registry address is corrected on the registration forms. Additional information was put in to mail membership forms at time of paying membership fees through PayPal. Reported by Stephanie Booren.

Youth: Youth have been busy All American 58 entries. 27 NC 31 Whites. Awards and Exhibitor gifts totally covered. Stacy's family sponsored the Sunday Send Off Breakfast. It was hot but a fun show. NE Youth Show numbers were down 9 exhibitors 27 sheep went through ring. Will have sponsors for NAILE. National Sale weather was good commission check was \$398.70. Report by Charlene Carlisle.

Documentation Control: Penny will have proposal by next board. Reported by Penny Swearingen.

Ramblings: Someone has expressed interest in being editor but has not responded, possibly Ringside Magazine. Reported by Anne McIntyre-Lahner

Advertising Committee: Nothing to report. Reported by Rick Trojanoski

8. Old Business:

Election Results: President: Rick Trojanoski, Vice President – Marianne DiTaranto, District 3- Stacy Schmoll, At Large- Stephanie Booren, At Large- Charlene Carlisle, District 5- Tracy Haslem , Ann Wishart- District 1.

Rambling Editor

Ethan spoke to Doug about online registration. Due to AR moving and updating their system this would not be possible until the end of the year. Then there will be a onetime fee of \$300.00 then ongoing housing \$180.00 annually and \$40.00 an hour updated fees usually takes 1 to 1.5 hours for data dump. This would give us basic member area. Every active member gets a login in and sees what animals they have active as well as any animals they have as well as any animals they have in pedigree and progeny list of other members in the database as well. There is an additional setup fee for online renewal and online registration applications of \$400.00. Anne suggested that we table this until next meeting.

9. New Business:

The meeting was adjourned by President Anne McIntyre-Lahner at 9:29pm EST.

Next Meeting September 16th @ 7:30pm EST