

American Romney Breeders Association
Final Minutes of the Old Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday November 18, 2025, 7:00pm Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm 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; Ethan Kennedy, District 6; Stephanie Booren, At-Large; Rick Trojanoski, At-Large; Penny Swearingen, At-Large., and Secretary/Treasurer; Jodi Rametes
3. Secretary Report: Memberships are starting to come in, corresponding via email or phone calls from members, Set up Zoom banking, financials. Stacy moved to accept the Secretary report Ethan seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.
4. Treasurers Report: Junior Savings account \$10,060.52, CD \$16,983.52. General checking account \$4,849.75. Marianne moved to accept the report. Stacy seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
5. Review and approval of minutes from Board Meetings for September 16, 2025. Rick moved to accept minutes as corrected, Stephanie seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
6. District Reports.

District 1: Showing, Shearing going on. New England Supreme Ram was a Romney from the Walkers. Fiber festivals and more interest in Romney breed. Report provided by Marianne DiTaranto

District 2: At Rhinebeck Walkers had Supreme Champion Natural Colored Ram and Supreme Natural Colored Fleece for the Walkers. New York State legislation has a grant funded for extracting lanolin then turns into useable wool. Feeling lots of positive energy in the wool. Connecticut blankets are now being processed in the USA. Connecticut Sheep Breeders provided a grant to purchase equipment. Reports provided by Marianne DiTaranto and Ethan Kennedy & Rick Trojanoski

District 3: Fiber shows branching out into other districts. People traveling to shows in other districts. More positive feedback on breed. Reported by Stacy Schmoll.

District 4: Maria had Champion Ram and Ewe on her yearlings and Kalina's were Premier Breeder at Oregon State Fair. Bentley had Champions in the wool show both in open and ORBA shows. Bentley did well in the Jr sheep show along with Addison Booren who had Best Fleece on Sheep. Oregon Flock & Fiber Supreme Ram went to Kalina's, and they sold 29 fleeces. Many people in NW have breeding issues this year. Lots of people at Oregon Flock & Fiber came by to look at Romneys. Report provided by Sue Kalina.

District 5: Small fiber fairs and craft fairs. There was herding demonstrations and Romney lambs. Well attended for a small community Working on getting everything finalized for National Show in 2026 at Clark County. One of our own Romney breeders will be judging the fleece show at Fiber Fusion, one of the largest shows. The judge is Mary Jo Haslem. Clark County fair had 141 fleeces entered which included alpacas and Llamas. Romney was champion Overall fleece and Champion hand spinner fleece. Next year National judge is Jason Heeg. Clark County had close to 75 Romneys showing. Report provided by Tracy Haslem.

District 6: Welcome to Nationals. 5,200 head of purebred sheep. Overall fantastic turnout. 104 Romneys are entered 60 Romney's entered in Jr show, 26 Romney fleeces. Champion Romney ram pulled out for top 5 in Jr. supreme. Luncheon at Churchill Downs on Thursday. National show in 2027 is at NAILE. Lots of support from the entire National Committee. Thank you, Penny, for stepping in and running the wool show. Romneys are being put in the best light ever! Romney social at Ethan's was a great time. Report provided by Ethan Kennedy

7. Committee Reports.

Bylaws: Sent 3 documents to board. The documents are minutes from July 30, 2016, when the change was voted on the change in the minutes from November 11, 2016 at the Old Board Meeting. And this is for article 3 section 4 the last piece of bylaws that was voted for and approved on July 30, 2016. Stephanie will update website with updates. Marianne will update the Bylaws and Policy and Procedure. Reported by Marianne.

Policy & Procedures: Bylaws have been corrected and will be updated on website, Policy and Procedures is to follow with the proposals to be entertained once updates are done. Reported by Marianne.

AI/ET: AI lambs were successful. Those sheep are headed around the US. Ethan asked if forms need to be filled out for embryo transfer. Marianne reported yes and forms are on the website. They need to be reported as AI bred not natural bred. Reported by Marianne DiTaranto.

Education: No report given. Report by Patricia Sanville.

Membership: Redistricting. We need more time. Will refer to New Board. Reported by Rick Trojanoski & Ethan Kennedy.

National Show: We are here and it is awesome so far. Communication and planning has been great. We are going to get through this show and move on to 2026 which Tracy has been moving forward with. Rick reminded us that we are 3 years out so members can

plan on participation 2028 will be the end of the initial cycle. We will determine if the rotation works. Sue asked about a Young Flock class. Romneys don't have it. Some of the other breeds do. Tracy reported that the young flock and flock class will be at the 2026 National show in Washington. The Jr show will be nearly parallel to the All American. There will be no sales but is still open for discussions. Reported by Stephanie Booren and Ethan Kennedy and Tracy Haslem.

Ways and Means: Working on Jr account details will meet with Charlene for details per district. Raffle hosting district to receive 50% and the remaining amount to be divided to the remaining districts. Reported by Sue Kalina.

Website: Stephanie has updated website. Classified section has been used by members. After 6 months it will fall off. Stephanie updated the calendar and needs to be updated with reoccurring events. Some events are not showing. Reported by Stephanie Booren.

Youth: Had 24 kids in Jr show 19 are holding over for open show. Scavenger hunt was a lot of fun. Silent auction was a great success. 38 White & 22 Natural colored showed. Report by Charlene Carlisle.

Documentation & Data Control: No Report given. Reported by Penny Swearingen.

Ramblings: Anne reported that the person who was supposed to send her resume before the last meeting finally did a couple of weeks later.. Anne will bring it to the next board meeting she will send info before the Old Board Meeting. Ethan talked to Kathryn Kukendall about it. She does other publications. We were not at her price point. Marianne reached out to a person she knows and will get details out to her. Anne asked if this is something we want to move forward in contracting with someone or do we need to think on it more or go online. Tracy stated that we need numbers for some of these options. Ethan asked if we get rid of the Ramblings do we just let people buy ads to post on Association Facebook page? Ethan, Tracy, Rick and Stephanie will have a meeting. They will bring a proposal to next meeting. Reported by Anne McIntyre-Lahner

Advertising Committee: Working on developing a promotional ARBA store. Spoke to Kay at Benchmark Graphics. Looking into online store that prints on demand so no inventory on hand, Making a Romney blanket. Canada manufacturer not using wool weft so blankets would not be 100% wool. Issues with crossing borders. New mill in New Hampshire that may do it. Rick to contact. Running into legal issues with the Romney trademark due to Mitt Romney ex presidential candidate. Thank you to the Kennedy family for the new display board, it looks great! There is another display board that was misprinted size so we will send the 2nd set to the West Coast for use at shows. Reported by Rick Trojanoski

8. Old Business:

Anne report Morgan Hauger sent letter of interest. Anne had requested a resume. Morgan had taken over Ringside magazine and is current owner and editor.

Marianne spoke to Ann Fry who does the Southdown publication, and she would like to do the newsletter for us. Marianne suggested a once-a-year newsletter. Emails and text about the need for a traditional newsletter is needed. Ethan brought up an annual publication. The Suffolk and Cheviots have had big success with their annual publication. We want to use Facebook to get to our website. One time print good for the year. Committee is still in discussion. This is on the New Board agenda. Continued to New Board. Anne will reach out and let her know that we will not be moving forward the way we have and that the board has her information.

Follow up with Associated Registry. Anne and Rick met with Sue and Tor along with Eric. They were very nice and willing to meet our needs. The paper that they get is not the exact same paper as it is no longer available. They have not been printing the Morrill registration on green paper as it is supposed to be. That was not shared with them when Jeff retired. If there is anyone that did not get green paper Associated Registry will reprint it along with transfers automatically. Part of the problem is that AR does not print the registrations a third party does. It is a certain type of "Rag" paper and that is where the problem comes in. They will be using different paper and printing in house. It was a pleasant meeting with them.

Ethan sent out email regarding the online registrations. AR stated that this is the person that works with them. Anne asked if there are any thoughts on this. Charlene answered we need to be able to do this online and be able to do it faster, so she says yes. Anne asked about the budget. Sue stated that this was not in the budget because at the time we were not discussing this. The discussion was brought up prior to using the money out of the CD. There are ongoing costs. \$40.00 per data dump. We can schedule how many updates we want. Rick moved to move forward with online registrations. Charlene seconded. Sue added that the money to be used comes from the CD and annual fees would have to come out of operation account. Stephanie moved to make an amendment that we initially pay out of our savings account and reimbursing the savings account with the CD when the CD reaches maturity. All were in favor, motion passed

9. New Business:

Anne and Rick also talked to AR about membership transaction being processed. They are very clear every transaction is the same at \$4.25. They would be happy to do it. Is someone mistakenly send is to AR instead of ARBA? Do we also have to do online membership? That needs to be worked out with online data. It would currently cost us \$586.00 to have AR due memberships.

Marianne brought up the discussion about Grass Roots. It is \$3,100.00. It is what they Kerry Hill association uses for registrations. They only accept one society association per the USA. Marriane got a membership and had access to all the registry you can renew memberships, do transfers, register lambs, view pedigrees and a lot more. There is a maintenance fee between \$100.00 and \$400.00. Everything is online. Marriane has contact information. They thought AR was too slow. Ethan asked about printed papers as we need them for shows. Ethan asked what their fee is for this per paper. She will find out. Currently the president and secretary is taking care of this. Anne asked about the data

base for ARBA. Tracy asked if they will still have program in 5 years looking into the future. Ethan asked who would oversee this program, do we have someone to spear head this? Anne stated that we have the information. Anne had a question for the board is do we want AR to handle our membership as well as our registrations? We voted to approve electronic registration. Ethan stated as far as membership, AR makes the most sense to do memberships. Anne reported the cost of the electronic registrations that we already approved. Anne stated \$1,210.00 to continue to handle out own is \$660.00 a year for memberships. If we don't have them handle the membership, they have to wait for us to send membership information to portal. AR will send memberships to secretary monthly. Rick moved to have AR handle membership. Charlene seconded. Rick moved to amended motion to increase membership fees for Jr and open memberships by \$5.00. Adult increased to \$35.00 and Jr to \$20.00. 6 voted in favor, 3 opposed, motion passed. We were out of order on the previous vote does not count as it was improperly taken. We are voting just on friendly amendment which is to pay for any charges for AR handling the membership by increasing membership fees for open and Jr's. 3 were in favor, 6 opposed. Motion failed. Amendment vote did not pass. Original motion is AR handle memberships which was properly moved by Rick and seconded by Charlene. 5 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 sustaining. Motion passes.

Mass emails.

Stephanie got a message from Web Master about mass emails. At this time, they are not offering a free platform for us. We can pay for Chimp Mail and keep Chimp Mail, and all previous links will work as usual or move to a new service that will work similar but all of our old links will no longer be active. To keep current \$156.00 a year to keep Chimp Mail or move to new one for free. Stephanie moved to move on with free mass email, Charlene seconded. Motion passes.

Stephanie has worked with Randy Thompson and now has Administrator rights to our American Romney Association Facebook page.

Anne spoke to members about having more input on judges and classes. Ethan and Charlene are working on this.

Marriane would like to dedicate a class to Kelly Ward. We will make announcement in memory of Kelly Ward. A note will be given to announcer before the class to be read and a moment of silence.

The meeting was adjourned by President Anne McIntyre-Lahner at 9:58pm EST.