

American Romney Breeders Association
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 12:55pm Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 12:55pm by President Anne McIntyre-Lahner.
2. Member Introductions.
3. 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; Stacey 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
4. Secretary Report: Memberships are starting to come in, corresponding via email or phone calls from members, Set up Zoom banking, financials. Marianne Moved to accept Secretary report, Charlene seconded, motioned passed
5. Treasurer Report: Treasurers Report: Junior Savings account \$10,060.52, CD \$16,983.52. General checking account \$4,849.75. Marianne Moved to accept Secretary report, Charlene seconded, motioned passed
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: No Report given.

District 3: Fiber shows. Champion ewe out of district 3 more people branching out into other districts for shows. More positive feedback on breed Report provided by Stacey Schmoll.

District 4: At Black Sheep Gathering Kalina had Supreme Ram. There was 350 Fleeces at Oregon Flock and Fiber. Good Romney turn out. Junior Romney kids on the increase. 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 Couty. Clark County fair had 141 fleeces entered which included alpacas and Llamas. Romney was champion overall fleece and champion hand spinner fleece. Clark County had close to 70 Romneys showing. Some of the open class sheep shows that have discontinued the Open class are now looking at bringing those classes back. Report provided by Tracey Haslem.

District 6: Welcome to Nationals. 5,200 head of purebred sheep. Overall fantastic turn out. 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. Thank you, Penny, for stepping in and running the wool show. Romneys are being put in the best light ever! New rotating trophy were made by local FFA Chapter. Reported by Ethan Kennedy.

Approval of meeting Minutes. Rick moved to approve meeting minutes. Rick moved to accept minutes, Stephanie seconded, motion passed.

7. Committee Reports.

Advertising: 3 projects are underway. Branding Romney Lamb & Wool. Romney blanket project from American Romney Wool. Rick is looking into Mills that can make the blankets. Running into legal issues with the Romney trademark due to Mitt Romney ex presidential candidate. Making a Romney blanket. Canada manufacturer not using wool weft so blankets would not be 100% wool. Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association found a mill in New Hampshire to make their blankets. New mill in New Hampshire that may do it. Also looking into an Romney promotional Etsy Shop. Reported by Rick Trojanoski.

AI/ET: Member that had AI lambs were successful using imported semen. Those sheep are headed around the US. Embryo transplants are also being done. Reported by Marianne DiTaranto.

Bylaws: Updated article 3 section 4 the last piece of bylaws that was voted for and approve on July 30, 2016. Marianne will update the Bylaws and Policy and Procedure. Reported by Marianne.

Education: No report given. Report by Patricia Sanville.

Membership: Ethan spoke about redistricting Reported by Ethan Kennedy.

National Show: We so excited to be holding our annual meeting here at Churchill Downs. It's a very unique and exciting opportunity to have because it's so close to the national open show at NAILE. We are still moving through the new national show rotation. Changes to the policy to match the new show schedule are still being worked on by the policy and procedures committee. The new rotating trophies are very exciting and this year, we have added trophies for both White and Natural Colored Flock, made even better by the fact they were contracted from an FFA chapter. This year's show will be a tremendous display with over 100 sheep between both colors. And an incredible bonus of almost 20 juniors. Next year's National Open and National Junior Show will be held in Vancouver, Washington on August 8th at the Clark County Fair. Location of the 2027 National Open show will be announced soon on the website. The 2028 National Open Show will be held at NAILE. The 2027 and 2028 National Junior shows will be held at the same location as the All-American Junior Show. We are so excited for the silent auction happening now that supports our juniors, for the amazing horse races happening now, for gathering all of us here and for the big show tomorrow. Reported by Stephanie Booren with Ethan Kennedy and Tracy Haslem.

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

Website: The advertising section of our website, under Member Services called Classifieds is working well, we had several ads in the spring. We still want everyone to know that if they are a current member of ARBA, they can ask the chairman or the secretary for a password reset to set up and manage ads. Ads may relate to anything produced on your farm. Board minutes are still up to date. Please email the chairman with any sheep or fiber events that includes Romneys. We want to advertise as many events as possible on our website for those who want to know what's going on or find out what other members might be doing. Members in the directory are being updated often. Reported by Stephanie Booren.

Youth: Jr show 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: Looking into what system we will be using to maintain all documentation in one system. Reported by Penny Swearingen.

At this time we will turn over leadership of ARBA. Anne and Charlene will be stepping down. Our new President is Rick Trojanoski as President and Marianne will now be Vice President. Rick thanked Anne for her years of service.

Rick asked if there was any other matters that need to be brought before the annual meeting? One other item. Location of next year annual meeting will be held in Vancouver, Washington at the Clark County Fair. Show date is August 8th Saturday and the meeting schedule will be worked around that.

The Meeting was adjourned by President Rick Trojanoski at 1:31pm EST.