

American Aberdeen Association
Board Minutes
January 08, 2019

Janis Black called the meeting to order.

Members present Janis Black, Gary Gilbert, Neil Effertz, Darwin Engelkes, Wade Coffey, Craig Walker and Rob Fanning. Others present were Tonya Perez, Lisa Bard, Jessie Topp Becker, Sherry Doubit, Dean Pike, and Paul Moya.

Speaker for the National meeting:

Paul Moya National FFA President from Arizona grew up on an Alfalfa farm.

Subject Sustaining Animal Agriculture.

Paul said Aberdeen are more efficiently producing beef with less of a carbon footprint.

One of the things Animal rights activist have been complaining about.

Neil asked the question: What can you do to address the concept of cohesiveness and moving in the same direction for both big and small breeders alike.

Paul: Buy into the same mission and goals.

Thursday night at the banquet Paul will give a 15 minute teaser about the next nights talk. In that he asked for participation from the members at the banquet and that help structure Fridays presentation.

Tonya asked Paul to do a video to be put out on social media. Craig asked Tonya to research material for him about the breed so he would be better prepared.

Jesse suggested that we do a recap article that could come out after the meeting and Lisa will do a follow up interview with Paul.

Ledger Report:

Jesse informed us that the deadline for the next Ledger would be February 21 to go to print for the spring issue. Things for the upcoming issue are, Meet the Rancher, Election results, and new presidents letter. Tonya will be getting photos for the cover of this issue. Lisa will be at the banquet and annual meeting.

Cattlemens Meetings:

Dean reported that he was excited about the results and interest. Establishing our identity and explaining the origin of the breed at the meetings was an important thing that got done. The videos explaining the breed and their value were also received well. The three conventions that he has attended so far were Wyoming, Kansas, and Missouri. There were some differences in the three. Kansas was disappointing with the strength of the membership being low and all of the vendors agreeing on this. Not knowing what to expect at the Wyoming convention, they came out of it extremely encouraged by the feedback that said their cows were too big and this is where we can be useful to them. Missouri had the most interest of the three registering 18 people for the semen give away. Brad and Julie Tummons gave 3 semen packages away and were at the convention to help Dean talk to people about the breed. Dean said Tonya was particular about how she setup the booth and that the magazine was what people gravitated to take with them. Tonya to be in Denver from Thursday to Saturday.

Banquet Committee:

Janis informed us that to date only 42 people had gotten banquet tickets so far which was down considerably from past years. Discussion was had to extent the \$40 for banquet tickets all the way up to the night of the banquet.

Neil moved to extend the \$40 ticket cost all the way up to the banquet.

Darwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An e-blast informing the membership of this extension to sent out.

Board Minutes:

11/27/18 minutes

Darwin moved to accept the minutes as corrected by omitting names of award winners and posting them.

Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1/1/19 minutes

Darwin moved to accept minutes as presented.

Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Darwin researched Bylaws from Incorporation ND century code Section 10 33-36 non judicial removal of directors. Roberts rule of Order states that a no confidence vote can not be used to remove an official.

New Business:

Fieldsman's contract:

Gary wants contracts to be up on the same year for renewal, so that means giving Dean a 1 year contract with a 2 year extension pending approval of both parties. Also discussed was him reporting to the BOD quarterly.

Neil made a motion to approve the contract with the above changes to it.

Darwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherry fine with the changes and will send out new contract.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee:

Rob reported that there were 226 head entered for the National show.

Sponsorship for champions and division winners was very low this year, it was discussed how to be more proactive about raising donations for the event.

An e-blast will go out to the membership on the NWSS rules for exhibiting.

Supreme awards it was discussed to give cash awards and let the people decide how they want to spend it.

Darwin made a motion to give supreme exhibitors \$250 cash award.

Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was brought to our attention that in the April minutes there was an incorrect date about when cattle had to be registered to show at the NWSS.

Neil made a motion to approve the amended April 2018 minutes with the removal of the November 15 date for registrations at the NWSS.

Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

National Sale Committee:

Craig reported that the catalog was out in the latest Ledger. The location for the food and beverages to be served at the pre-sale social was discussed.

Juniors:

They have been meeting every two weeks finding money for the auction.

Shane has a breeders group put together for the donation heifer.

Sponsorship for the market steer show was discussed.

Rob informed the BOD that David Aborn was not paid for ultrasounding the 3 steers at last years NWSS.

Neil made a motion to pay him for those 3 steers as well as the 3 steers for this years show all together.

Darwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Registration:

Sherry informed us that programming issues with the electronic part of registrations. It is being turned back on and processing work now. Holly Stout answering questions for Aberdeen breeders, she is new to the pedigrees so if we could be understandable as she gets up to speed on them. They are trying to be proactive about sending correspondence to breeders when issues arise. The new program will start nightly updates in a couple of weeks.

Regional Assc. Committee:

Money for the Northeast group being hung up on the wording from Lowline to Aberdeen Assc.. It was brought to our attention from Sherry that Wells Fargo might be the best option for them to try as that was who did it for the office. Sherry to get in contact with Rebecca about Wells Fargo being able to transfer the funds.

Neil made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting 1/25/2019

Regional Assc. Committee:

Meeting 1/23/19

All BOD present including incoming member Allan Seiverkropp.

Gary made a motion to give SLABA \$500 for the International room at the Houston show.

Craig seconded the motion.

Darwin moved to amend the motion that we give them \$250 that they will match for the International room and if they don't have the funds to take the \$250 out of their money for 2019.

Neil seconded the amendment

Vote on the amendment, amendment passed

Vote on the amended motion passed unanimously.

Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.