

## Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors Meeting

May 17, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Craig Walker, Darwin Engelkes, Rob Fanning, Allen Sieverkropp, Kenny Hinds, Rebecca Miller, Jack Sandford

President Craig Walker called the meeting to order.

Rob Fanning presented information to the board regarding the National Show. The board is meeting tonight to decide where to hold the National Show.

The National Western Stock Show has moved the Aberdeen breed in their schedule, due in large part to the work of Craig Walker. The new schedule will be:

Wednesday: January 12: Move in begins at 7:00 AM

Friday, January 14: Aberdeen Junior Show, following the Hereford carload and pen show (when the herd bull displays are in place and normally when all the Angus and Herefords are there)  
Banquet

Saturday, January 15: Aberdeen Female Show, following the Charolais pen show.

Sunday January 16: Aberdeen Bull Show

Sale at 2 PM

Annual meeting

Salers are in Denver at the same time.

The schedule at OKC for the Cattlemen's Congress is:

Friday, January 7: Move in

Sunday, January 9: Aberdeen Junior Show

Monday, January 10: Aberdeen Open Bull and Female Shows

Tuesday, January 11: Aberdeen Junior Show and National Sale

There is a new show, the Great Northern Livestock Exposition, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. It is being presented as a show for western livestock exhibitors that don't want to go to Louisville. It does not overlap the cattle portion of Louisville. Schedule is:

Sunday, November 21: Move in for Aberdeens, Herefords, Salers, South Devons, Shorthorns, Gelbvieh Balancers, Charolais, Highlands, Mini Herefords, Limousin. They will have a \$10,000 Supreme Bull and Female at the end of the show.

Tuesday, November 23: Aberdeen Junior Show

Wednesday, November 24: Aberdeen Open Female Show

Thursday, November 25: (Thanksgiving) Aberdeen Open Bull Show

The National Show and Sale Committee voted unanimously to hold the National Show in Denver for 2022. They felt that because the NWSS has moved us back to the front end of the show, they deserved the benefit of the doubt. We will have shows at all three

events. We will readjust next year as we see what develops. No one knows what the landscape will be this year at either show. All breeds are hedging their bets because they don't know what's going to happen.

Rob Fanning discussed his conversations with experienced livestock exhibitors about the Oklahoma show and the National Western. Rob Fanning discussed this with Aberdeen breeders who have shown at the National Show for years and all said they wanted to give Denver a shot because they moved us in their schedule.

There was discussion of the costs of going to Denver. The pens probably won't be bedded this year, they are trying to remedy this but they may not get that accomplished this year. There will be entry fees, about \$95 per entry, at all the shows. There was discussion of the attendance of commercial cattlemen. There was also discussion of the political climate in Denver, security, the costs of restaurants and hotels in Denver are higher. The NWSS has been negotiating with area hotels to hold costs down. There was discussion of which show would be better for the breed. There was discussion of supporting the decision of the committee.

A motion to take the committee's recommendation and hold the 2022 National Show and Sale in Denver was made by Rob Fanning, second by Rebecca Miller. Roll call vote: Darwin Engelkes yes, Rebecca Miller yes, Rob Fanning yes, Jack Sandford no, Kenny Hinds no, Allen Sieverkropp no. Craig Walker broke the tie and voted yes.

There was discussion on a sale manager for the National Sale.

There was a brief discussion of the office and their challenges with Neogen.

There will be another board meeting tomorrow night.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz