

Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors Meeting

April 19, 2022

Online Meeting

Members Present: Craig Walker, Darwin Engelkes, Allen Sieverkropp, Rob Fanning, Jack Sanford, Rebecca Miller.

Others present: Sherry Doubet, Lisa Bard.

Craig Walker called the meeting to order.

Lisa Bard discussed the Ledger. The next issue will be the membership issue. It is important for members to be sure their membership dues are paid so they are included in the directory. Ads are being sold.

A motion was made by Rebecca Miller, second by Jack Sandford to approve the minutes of the March 8 and March 15 meetings. Motion carried.

Sherry Doubet reported there is not yet a financial statement, the accounts are at the reconciler. She said the association is in the green, not a lot of work in coming in. She will have a financial statement soon.

Sherry Doubet gave an update on the association office. They have a new employee. Kim is a graduate of North Dakota State University and is originally from Indiana. She has an ag background and knows about the cattle business and its terminology and is an asset to the association.

She updated the board on the Association's progress and procedures with Neogen and the hurdles they have overcome. It is very, very important that breeders submit their DNA via the Association, not through Igenity. If a breeder in the past has submitted DNA through Igenity, they should contact Neogen in writing and have **all** of their Igenity DNA released to the AAA.

There was a discussion of a couple of breeders who have refused to comply with association rules and forms and the problems they are causing. The board agreed it is unacceptable behavior and the office is handling the situations appropriately. Most breeders are doing a good job. There was discussion of producing a YouTube video about the correct steps for registration.

There was discussion of ILR2 and ABRI. It is frustrating and is taking forever. There is another breed format that should work for us and Sherry is working with ABRI to make it happen.

There was discussion of Dams of Merit. Sherry can run the program at any time. What to do with the Dams of Merit is up to the board – they can be printed in the magazine or

online. Sherry can run the program and find out how many cows would qualify. Once a Dam of Merit, always a Dam of Merit is how the board wants the program to operate. Sherry will run the list of qualifying cows so breeders can look at the list and see if they need to record any calves.

Web Site: Allen Sieverkropp discussed revisions to the website. There is a projected launch date of June 20. Tonya Perez and Blue Print are working together. Shelly Dodd has proposed a fee increase for her work maintaining the website.

It was moved by Darwin Engelkes, seconded by Allen Sieverkropp to approve Shelly Dodd's proposed fee of \$35 per hour to maintain the website.

There was discussion of the tag line "Where quality and efficiency never go out of style" that was adopted a few years ago.

Old Business

Show and Sale Committee: Rob Fanning reported he is updating premium books for next year's show. Our position at NWSS is good. Ideas for the National Sale are welcome. Sherry Doubet reported on her experience with the new NWSS sale facility.

Craig Walker updated the board on the meeting of the President's Committee. One regional association president did not want to appoint any members because he did not like the national board's control of the committee. The other members of the committee can call a meeting and they have a month to do so. The board has the list of regional members of the committee.

Allen Sieverkropp moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darwin Engelkes.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Effertz