

## Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

January 24, 2024

Zoom meeting

Members Present: Darwin Engelkes, Rob Fanning, Farabee McCarthy, Rick Dodd, Jillane Pike, Jan Effertz, Allen Sieverkropp

Nonmembers present: Tonya Perez

President Darwin Engelkes called the meeting to order.

Allen Sieverkropp made a motion to accept the September 19, 2023 minutes as written, second by Rob Fanning. Motion carried.

Tonya Perez reported she has been working on the newsletter and ad sales for it, three ads are spoken for. She is contacting regular Ledger advertisers first. The first article will be related to calving. The issue will come out in March. She is also working on going through photos from Denver.

Darwin Engelkes asked Tonya to promote a couple of items – the extended deadline for the moratorium on overage registration fees and the date/location for Junior Nationals, June 17 – June 22 in Boone, Iowa. Rob Fanning mentioned the deadline for the Ohio Beef Expo Aberdeen Sale is January 26.

Tonya Perez said the results of the National Show will be featured in the newsletter. There was discussion about including the results of the Cattlemen's Congress Aberdeen Show in the newsletter as well. If there is a choice between Congress results or an article, there was agreement the article should be chosen. An article on feed efficiency or grass fed beef opportunities offered by Aberdeen genetics would be good. Shelley Dodd is looking for some photos from Denver to use on the website. Tonya will get them to her.

There was a wrap up discussion about the National Show. There was an error on the buckles, a mistake made by the buckle company, and they are fixing the buckles at no charge. There were 110 people at the banquet which is great. Things at the show went well with good volunteer help. There was concern among the breeders about the daily parking charge by the Embassy Suites. Rick Dodd is reaching out to some other hotels. There would be a need for a place to park trailers as well as breakfast and happy hour. Perhaps we no longer need the bar set up in the banquet.

The minutes from the annual meeting are usually held until the next annual meeting for approval by the membership. However, with the bylaw change, it might be helpful for the breeders to see the proposed change.

Jan Effertz moved that we post a draft of the minutes of the annual meeting along with the proposed bylaw change on the website, second by Rob Fanning. Motion passed unanimously.

At the annual meeting, it was proposed that we permit the registration of fullblood steers without DNA parentage testing. If not DNA tested, they would be issued a purebred registration paper. The board agreed to refer the matter to the By Laws, Rules and Resolutions Committee. If there is no participation on the committee, the board will handle it.

#### New Business

Board members volunteered to serve on committees as follows:

By Laws, Rules and Resolutions – Darwin Engelkes

Presidents, Nominations Committee and International Committee – Darwin Engelkes

Show and Sale Committee – Rob Fanning with help from Rick Dodd

Finance and Promotion – Allen Sieverkropp

Strategic Planning and Breeder Services – Farabee McCarthy and Jillane Pike

Darwin Englekes will get a list of the committee assignments to Shelley Dodd for the website.

Rick Dodd will serve as a liaison to the juniors.

There was discussion of TSU storage. Neogen has said that after 13 months they will send TSU's to our designated storage facility or destroy them. We need to have a signed contract stating our preference to Neogen by February 15. Blood and hair cards would still be stored at the AAA office. Sherry Doubet has told us the AAA office does not have the ability to store TSU's. Breeders have the option to use hair or blood and those samples can be stored.

Rob Fanning made a motion to notify breeders that TSU's after 13 months will be destroyed by Neogen. It is recommended that breeders retain a hair or blood sample on their donor cows and semen collected bulls in case of future need. Blood cards and hair samples will continue to be stored at the AAA office. Second by Jan Effertz. Motion carried unanimously.

The board would like to have this information on the website.

There was clarification on the directory portion of the junior auction. The ads sold at the junior auction are totally paid for, it was not just the space that was selling. Rob Fanning said the money that was made will potentially be shared with the juniors if enough ads are sold to cover the cost of the directory. There was discussion of the recent directory and some errors that were made in ad locations.

There was a lengthy discussion of Rule V and reciprocal agreements. We have a reciprocal agreement with Ausline which is now the Heritage Angus Association in Australia. They would like to sign our new reciprocal agreement and follow our rules. The board informally agreed that imported fullblood animals would have to be parentage verified by Neogen in Nebraska, they would have to follow our rules and there would need to be a signed and notarized reciprocal agreement. It is also important that imported semen on fullblood bulls be CSS semen, approved for export to the US. There needs to be traceable pedigrees. It is important to keep our fullblood herd book pure. The board agreed to take a month to allow

time to reach out to Neogen to be sure we can reliably trace fullblood pedigrees as well as seek information about the foreign association.

The Houston Livestock Show has reached out to see if the AAA wants a table in the International Room. They discontinued the Aberdeen Show two years ago.

Rob Fanning made a motion to not have a table in the International Room at the Houston Stock Show, second by Jillane Pike. Motion carried unanimously.

Allen Sieverkropp made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz