

## Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

July 16, 2024

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Darwin Engelkes, Rob Fanning, Rick Dodd, Jan Effertz, Allen Sieverkropp.

Nonmembers present: Tonya Perez

President Darwin Engelkes called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM CDT.

Darwin Engelkes reviewed the financial report. It looks like we are on track to be slightly ahead of last year. Revenue is up, transfers are up.

Tonya Perez asked if there has been any feedback on the newsletter, no one on the board has received any feedback. She said the next newsletter will go out in October and she is hoping she can sell a few more ads. The last newsletter had space for 3 additional ads. She asked for potential story ideas for the next newsletter.

Darwin Engelkes said nominations for the AAA board will be due September 1 and asked Tonya to mention it in social media. There will be two open positions and nominations will close September 1. Candidates will have until October 1 to complete and submit the necessary paperwork. Ballots are then sent out by the office.

Darwin Engelkes said we have had some issues recently with animals in the breed with only microsatellite markers on file for parent verification. Breeders have had since 2011 to get a SNP marker on file. It is the owner of the animal's responsibility to be sure the proper sample is on file with Neogen. The AAA board recommends that all breeders keep an extra DNA sample in their possession for all donors and semen sires. It would be good to mention this in social media as well. Tonya will put something together.

President Darwin Engelkes finished reviewing the financial report. There was discussion of moving some of the funds in the checking account to an interest bearing account. Jan Effertz will check with Sherry.

Jan Effertz reviewed progress of the 2024 – 2025 membership directory. It should be done in August. Mosher Media has been very generous in providing photos from Junior Nationals for use in the directory. Sherry Doubet is sending out an eblast asking members to update their listings so they are correct in the directory.

Rob Fanning reviewed the proposed schedule for the 2025 National Show in Denver, we will be the first week of the show again, January 9 – 13, 2025. Rick Dodd reported the hotel contract has been signed, we will be at the Embassy Suites again. There was discussion of having a speaker at the Annual Meeting, the board felt the banquet was too busy for a speaker. Craig Walker could try to get a friend of his that's a vet and

would speak about herd health. There was also discussion of a National Sale, the board agreed we need to get our numbers for the show up, maybe we can consider a sale for next year. If we have a National Sale it needs to be a good one.

Darwin Engelkes reported the Strategic Planning and Breeders Services Committee met last month. The committee had some complaints of situations over which the board has no control, they would like to see a separate administrative assistant hired by the office to deal only with AAA business. There would be significant cost associated with this. The committee requested some statistics and Sherry and Darwin have provided them.

Courtney Walker did an extremely good job with Junior Nationals, she ran a great event. The juniors have asked Curt Weyh to assist Courtney Walker as junior advisors. The AJAA bylaws call for an advisory board, selected by the juniors, to help the advisors and juniors - the advisory committee consists of a member from the AAA, a member from the AJAA and an at large member. The advisory board will be Darwin Engelkes, Jamie Beverlin and Rehanna Nickels.

Darwin Engelkes reported there was a bull without an SNP on file with semen being sold in the past. He was able to find a breeder with a straw of semen they were willing to send in so the bull can have a SNP record and Neogen can parent verify his offspring. It is the breeder's responsibility to have SNP records on file on bulls they are selling semen on.

A motion was made by Allen Sieverkropp, seconded by Rick Dodd, to approve the minutes of the April and May meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Dodd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob Fanning.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz