Minutes
American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors
August 26, 2024
Zoom Meeting

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

President Darwin Engelkes called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM CDT.

Allen Sieverkropp moved to accept the minutes of the July meeting, second by Rob Fanning. The motion passed unanimously.

Darwin Engelkes reported the Canadian Lowline Association is proposing to change their name to the Canadian Aberdeen Association to make the North American associations more aligned. They wanted to get our approval. The AAA board informally agreed with the name change and realizes it is up to their association. We have a trademark on the name American Aberdeen Association in the US. It is important in the future that we that we maintain the necessary paperwork for the trademark with the attorneys in Texas.

Darwin Engelkes reported the Australian Lowline Cattle Association inquired again about the reciprocal agreement, he sent them another copy yesterday, identical to the agreement we have with the Canadians. We won't bend on rule 9. The decision is in their court. An American breeder is asking why there isn't an agreement and Darwin Engelkes will tell him that ALCA has the agreement and is looking it over.

Jan Effertz reported a couple of breeders have asked about having a breed standard or guideline for ADG. Some local fairs have ADG requirements for steers and the standard isn't appropriate for Aberdeen cross steers. They think it would help if the AAA had a standard they can show the local fair boards. Jan will come up with a proposal for our next meeting in consultation with the other board members.

The Midwest Association and the Midwest Junior Association are doing a great job, the Iowa State Fair Aberdeen show were a great success.

There was a discussion of the NWSS steer show rules, including the market animal division and steers that are 25% to 49.99%. We have always fallen back on the Junior Aberdeen Association rules. At Junior Nationals, market animals have their own division and are not shown against the Aberdeen steers. Therefore 25% - 49.99% steers would not be eligible to show at the NWSS in the steer show. Rob Fanning reported we don't want the rules to conflict with the Junior Aberdeen Association's rules.

Rob Fanning made a motion to follow the Junior Aberdeen Association rules for any sponsored American Aberdeen Association junior show, second by Jan Effertz. Motion passed unanimously.

Darwin Engelkes reported we are 10 days away from the deadline for board nominations. There are two open positions. The nominated people will be vetted after September 1 when nominations are complete.

Dr. McCarthy has retired from the University of Findlay and still meets the requirements of board membership and will be able to fulfill his term.

Allen Sieverkropp moved the board go into executive session.

The board went back into regular session at 8:38.

Rick Dodd reported the Embassy Suites will have limited rooms with two double beds during the NWSS. People should make their reservations early.

F.D. McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jan Effertz.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz