

## Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

September 24, 2024

Zoom Meeting

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

Non members present: Sherry Doubet, Tonya Perez

President Darwin Engelkes called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM CDT.

Tonya Perez reported she is working on the newsletter and discussed possible story ideas. She asked if the association has any news to report. Sherry Doubet suggested a discussion of DNA procedures and terminology. Also, the Merit Dam and Merit Sire program would be a good topic.

Sherry Doubet discussed the requirements of the Merit program. For a Merit Dam, there is a requirement of at least 3 natural born calves with a calving interval of 395 days and her first calf born before she is 2.3 years of age. Two of the three calves must be registered. The cow must be owned by a dues paying adult or junior member. Once a cow is a Dam of Merit, she is always a Dam of Merit. A Merit Sire must sire five or more Dams of Merit.

Sherry Doubet reported it is not difficult to run the list of qualifying Dams and Sires of Merit. The board discussed giving breeders a heads up in case they want to record non registered calves and then naming the first Dams and Sires of Merit in early November. Tonya will inform Shelley of any information that needs to be on the website.

Tonya will also include in social media the upcoming deadline for the National Western Stock Show, how to pay dues online and information about board of director candidates.

Darwin Engelkes reported we have a signed reciprocal agreement with ALCA.

Darwin Engelkes reported the two CD's have been purchased. He will send the paper copy to Sherry Doubet.

There was discussion of our annual DNA expense, we make payments to Salers for this service twice per year. Neogen is one month behind in their billings, for example, they bill August DNA charges the first of September. Sherry Doubet will see if our DNA fees are covering our DNA expense.

Board candidates have until September 28 to get their paperwork completed and turned into the office. A reminder was made that no region can have more than 3 board members.

The strategic planning committee met. They discussed the Ozark Farm Fest, the Midwest association will have members there representing the breed and they are requesting \$400 to help defray expenses.

Jan Effertz made a motion to pay \$400 reimbursement to the Midwest Regional Association for Ozark Farm Fest, seconded by Rob Fanning.

Rick Dodd moved to amend the motion to also include reimbursement for the Eastern States Regional Association for the Ohio Beef Expo, second by Jillane Pike.

The amendment passed unanimously.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

Rob Fanning reported the National Western Stock Show schedule is on their website. Dr. McCarthy will contact Maynards to order belt buckles for Champion and Reserve Champion Fullblood and Moderator Bulls and Females. He will wait to order the buckles for the pairs until we find out if any are entered.

There was discussion of possibly live broadcasting the annual meeting and what it would cost for a broadcast without remote participation. The change in bylaws that was initiated at last year's meeting will be voted on at the upcoming annual meeting and we need to let the breeders know. The board will review changes approved at the 2024 meeting at our next meeting. These changes are on the AAA website.

Darwin Engelkes reported the strategic planning committee has written a mission statement for the AAA board. He will forward it to the board.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Allen Sieverkropp, seconded by Jillane Pike.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz

On September 25 a motion to accept the minutes of the August meetings was made via text by Jillane Pike, seconded by Allen Sieverkropp. Motion carried.