

Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

November 7, 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 6:35 PM CT.

There was a discussion of the National Show and Annual Meeting. The schedule is on our website. We need a spot on the website to sign up for the banquet, we need to confirm the number of meals with the Embassy Suites 3 – 4 days before the event. It would be good if the schedule of events could be moved the AAA home page, might be easier for folks to find. Shelley and Sherry should get together and find a way to let breeders know that it is very important to sign up for the banquet before they arrive in Denver. Shelley and Sherry will handle it.

Darwin Engelkes has arranged for a guest speaker after the annual meeting on Sunday. He was recommended by Craig Walker and will talk about biosecurity and herd health. Darwin will ask Shelley to get it on the website.

There was discussion and selection of awards to be presented in Denver.

A motion was made by Jan Effertz, seconded by Rob Fanning to approve the summary of rule changes that need to be made on the website. The motion carried unanimously. Sherry will to prepare the changes and then send them to Shelley. Once they are updated, they can be sent to the new office.

There was discussion of the proposed changes to the bylaws that were presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting and will be voted on at the 2025 Annual Meeting. The proposed changes have been on the website since January of 2024. Members must be in good standing and present at the meeting to vote. We will need to get a list of members in good standing from Sherry.

There was discussion of the change in our office management. Rob Fanning reported the Chianina Association did not submit a proposal. Jan Effertz reported the Maine Anjou Association did not submit a proposal. We have received a proposal from the Center for Beef Excellence.

Darwin Engelkes said with their experience with DNA, he is confident they can handle the parentage verification needs of our breed. While they have the necessary expertise, it is still imperative that breeders submit accurate information with their DNA samples.

We will have a separate phone line with our current phone number and the email address will be switched to their office. We can choose from ala carte options, they will

attend meetings as needed, they have a CPA they work with so they can get our taxes done. Once we make a decision, they can begin to convert our database.

There was lengthy discussion of details and procedures that would be necessary for the move. Each board member expressed their confidence and enthusiasm for the change.

A motion was made by Allen Sieverkropp, seconded by Jillane Pike to move the American Aberdeen Association office to the Center of Beef Excellence. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of our agreement with Ag Town and how it will be affected by the office move.

Rob Fanning reported on the National Show. He finally received confirmation of the show judges 2 days ago. There have been some frustrations in dealing with the stock show management this year. He will reach out to other breeds to see if they are experiencing similar problems.

Jillane Pike made a motion, seconded by Rob Fanning, that a member of the American Aberdeen Association may nominate a maximum of two board candidates per year. Motion carried unanimously.

Jan Effertz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz