

## Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

October 17, 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 6:38 PM CDT.

Rick Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting, second by Allen Sieverkropp. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the change of management of the association office.

Rob Fanning reported the Chianina Association will be managing the Belted Galloway Association as of January 1, 2025, They also handle the Black Herefords. Rob has talked to Dustin Hurlbut, their CEO, about the possibility of managing our office. They have four staff members in their small office in Platte City, MO, Dustin works remotely. The ball is in their court if they are interested.

Rick Dodd reported he checked with the Wagyu association, they are not interested.

Rick Dodd also reported he made contact with Becky Miller, National Center for Beef Excellence. She has submitted a proposal.

Darwin Engelkes reported that Sherry Doubet would like to set a deadline for submission of DNA to the Wyoming office so it gives them time to complete testing and get registrations completed in time for Denver.

Jan Effertz reported Neil has spoken with the Maine Anjou Association and they may be interested.

The ABRI system can be transferred along with the association management if so desired by the new office.

The board discussed how to notify the membership about the upcoming change, via eblast, facebook, the website and letter and the date to do this. They also discussed the records that are in storage in Wyoming including DNA samples.

The board also discussed the importance of notifying the membership that since TSU's are not being stored by the association, it is important for members to retain a DNA blood or hair or semen sample for donors and AI sires.

The board will draft a letter and email to notify the membership.

The board agreed to meet again in two weeks to discuss the options. Jan will reach out to the Maine Anjou Association, Rob will contact the Chianina Association and Rick will contact the Beef Center. We will ask them to have proposals submitted by November 4.

Darwin Engelkes reported the ballots for the board elections will go out from the Wyoming office on November 1 and must be sent back by December 1.

Farabee McCarthy discussed ordering buckles for National Show Champions as well as Lifetime Achievement and Herdsman of the Year awards. The special awards have the honoree's name on the buckle, he will wait to order those until the board has time to discuss the awards. Buckles for Champion Pairs will be ordered after we know if there are pairs entered in the show.

The board will meet again November 7.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz