

Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

January 28, 2025

Zoom Meeting

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

Non-members present: Becky Miller

President F.D. McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM CST. All members were present.

Allen Sieverkropp made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024 AAA board meeting, second by Rick Dodd. Motion carried.

Allen Sieverkropp made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2025 meeting, second by Jillane Pike. Motion carried.

Becky Miller reported on the transition to the Beef Center office. They received the data upload from ABRI the end of last week. They have received a little mail. They sent 8 DNA samples to the lab this week, they will update the lab record with the registration number when the animals are registered. They received checks from the Wyoming office for the AAA and the juniors so they will get checking accounts opened this week. She has emailed Sherry Doubet about getting the phone number switched. Email and phone are still going to the Wyoming office. They will get switched to the Beef Center office when we do the final "data dump". They have been receiving a few registrations, they are advising the breeders to send their work to the Wyoming office if they need it completed quickly.

Darwin Engelkes asked about the North Dakota filing that needs to be completed by early February. Becky will contact Sherry to be sure it is completed on time.

Becky noted that Kaylee will be the AAA contact person in their office in addition to Becky.

Jan Effertz asked about the Beef Center doing some social media posts regarding the National Show results and the breeder awards presented at the National Western. Becky will reach out to Tonya Perez and get the necessary admin permission so she can do this. She has received the dropbox folder from Jan with the photos and show results.

There was a lengthy discussion of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association, the reciprocal agreement and ALCA's category of "DR", Deemed Recorded. ALCA has used this DR category to accept outside cattle into their herdbook, primarily from the

Ausline herdbook. DR cattle are DNA tested and parent verified. If ALCA wants to add an unregistered animal from an inactive breeder to the herdbook, or if an AAA animal is added to the ALCA herdbook, they become DR. Calves from DR animals can be registered in ALCA. Originally, DR animals had registration numbers but when breeders began showing their animals in both the Ausline and ALCA shows, ALCA removed their registration numbers because a registration number is necessary to show. DR cattle cannot be shown.

Two ALCA members have submitted 8 bulls to be added to the AAA herdbook under the reciprocal agreement. Of these 8 animals, 1 is a DR himself, 4 have DR animals in their pedigrees and 3 have no DR animals in their pedigrees. The DR category was discovered by the AAA while attempting to add these bulls to the AAA herdbook.

It was noted that item #3 in the reciprocal agreement between ALCA and the AAA states that cattle must comply with the breed standard set forth by each association and are subject to disqualification for registration upon failure to meet such standards.

The board agreed unanimously that our standards include being registered in the foreign registry along with all parents being registered. The board agreed that Deemed Recorded cattle do not meet our standard. The three bulls without DR cattle in their pedigrees meet the standard and will be added to our herdbook.

There was a lengthy discussion of rules and their enforcement at the National Show. There were two situations at the 2025 National Show that were in violation of our rules.

1. A senior yearling heifer with a calf at side was shown in the senior yearling class. Currently, our rules state that any cow with a calf at side must be shown in the cow/calf class.
2. A fullblood cow was shown with an unregistered calf at side. Our rules state that any animal that shows must be registered.

There was a discussion of how this happened.

In case number one, Jan Effertz related that she encountered the problem when she was checking in show cattle on Saturday. The exhibitor said that senior yearlings should have calves at side by the time of the NWSS and she should be shown in the senior yearling class. The next day when Jan was finalizing the show program, she called Rob Fanning to ask him about it. Rob stated that he called a couple of board members and agreed she could be shown in the senior yearling class. Rob said in retrospect, he should have waited to change the rule until after the show and after consultation with the show committee and the AAA board. He does believe the rule should be changed, the progressive way to deal with the situation is to show senior yearling heifers in the senior yearling class, with or without a calf. Senior yearling heifers would not be shown in the cow/calf class. He will take this up with the show committee.

In case number 2, Jan Effertz discovered one of the heifers that was entered in the show had a calf at side. Upon checking the website, she learned the calf was not registered. She called Sherry Doubet, who was at the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City without her computer so she could not check to see if there was a pending registration on the calf. She has since reported that no registration is pending on the calf. Jan Effertz told Brad Tummons, whose show string the heifer was in, that the calf could not show but the heifer could show without the calf. In the junior show the next day, the judge asked about the calf and the exhibitor brought the calf into the ring. The next day, in the open show, the calf was shown at the side of the cow.

The board felt that Brad Tummons was informed of the rule and showed the calf anyway.

To deal with this situation in the future, the board will emphasize that ignorance is not an excuse, if you don't follow the rules, you don't show. There will be an effort to notify exhibitors at all shows that all cattle must be registered to be shown.

A motion was made by Rick Dodd, second by Jillane Pike to remove Brad Tummons from the show committee due to his behavior at the 2025 National Show. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. McCarthy will contact Steve Hoffman, president of the Midwest Regional Association, to see who they recommend to serve on the show committee.

Committee assignments for 2025 were discussed and decided.

Strategic Planning, Commercial and Breeders Services Committee:
Jillane Pike and David Shockey

Show and Sale Committee:
Rob Fanning and Rick Dodd

Finance and Promotion Committee:
Allen Sieverkropp and Jan Effertz

Presidents, International and Nomination Committee:
Dr. McCarthy

A motion was made by Jan Effertz, second by Jillane Pike to remove the Rules, Bylaws and Regulations committee from the website. Our past presidents will serve on this committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A reminder was made to get any events to Shelley Dodd to be listed on the website.

Rob Fanning announced there will be an Aberdeen sale at the Ohio Beef Expo in March.

A motion to adjourn was made by Allen Sieverkropp, second by Jillane Pike.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz