

Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

March 11, 2025

Zoom Meeting

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

Non-members present: Becky Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by President F.D. McCarthy.

A motion to accept the January 28, 2025 minutes as written was made by Allen Sieverkropp, second by David Shockey. Motion carried.

Becky Miller gave an update on the transition to the new office. She should have log in credentials for the board by the end of the week to begin testing the converted data base. After this, they will be ready for the final data dump. She will be sending out more updates later this week. They have been getting DNA results back from Neogen. The checking accounts have been opened, checks have been ordered, a debit card is on hand, deposits are all caught up. She has sent the signature forms back to Green Belt for the CD's.

The board heard committee updates.

Strategic Planning Committee: Jillane Pike and David Shockey reported there will be a meeting next week.

Finance and Promotion: Allen Sieverkropp and Jan Effertz reported they have not met and are waiting for the transition and financial reports.

President's Committee: Darwin Engelkes reported the committee usually meets quarterly and receives updates on anything that needs national attention. An important function is acting as the nomination committee for the board of directors.

Show and Sale Committee: Rob Fanning was not at the meeting tonight. The board discussed a possible sale at the national meeting next year and also consideration of a different location for the national show and meeting.

Rules and Bylaws: Darwin Engelkes suggested when we move the office that more than one person be in possession of the template to update rules and bylaws. We have been trying to get them updated on the website for years and it still hasn't happened.

Jan Effertz said there has been a request from members in Iowa that the AAA have a breed standard for ADG for high percentage and fullblood steers and market heifers for use by local fair boards. The board has discussed this in the past. The current

standard at the fair board in question is 2.5 and some fullblood steers have not been meeting the standard and are therefore disqualified. Jan Effertz will discuss this with Neil Effertz and get back to the board with a recommendation.

There was a discussion of the reciprocal agreement between ALCA and the AAA. An AAA breeder has suggested the board accept the deemed recorded animals in Australia to save ALCA the trouble of amending their bylaws. There was discussion of the thought and time taken to develop the reciprocal agreement with legal counsel. Making an exception would open the door for others, if we have a rule, it should be followed. Each board member expressed they still agree with the AAA board position that Australian animals that are added to the AAA herdbook need to be registered. We will stay the course until we hear from ALCA.

There was discussion of a breeder trying to register an ET calf whose donor dam does not have a SNP record and according to Sherry Doubet, her micro satellite record cannot be located. The cow had a natural calf registered in 2018. Jan Effertz will get the paperwork and discuss it with Becky Miller for ideas.

There was discussion of a dispute between two breeders regarding ownership of a registered Aberdeen bull. The board agreed the board does not settle disputes between breeders.

FD McCarthy asked the board to consider what goals we want to accomplish this year. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Rick Dodd suggested we think of a way to assist the regional associations, they are struggling.

David Shockey suggested the board send texts this month about board goals, this might stimulate other ideas.

Rick Dodd reported the Embassy Suites has sent a proposal for 2026, the room rate is up \$3 and there will be free trailer parking. They are becoming very busy during the stock show and the sooner the better for getting the contract signed and our spot reserved.

There was discussion of a conflict at the NWSS in 2026 where the ring we show in will be used for a donor event on Monday and we won't be able to use it for our open female show, the show could be moved to Tuesday. Dr. McCarthy will speak to Rob Fanning about it.

There was discussion of a breeder who purchased an animal from a now inactive member who submitted DNA directly to Neogen and now Neogen will not release the DNA for use in parent verification without the signature of the inactive member who will not respond to calls or emails. It was recommended that the member submit a new DNA sample through the association.

It is recommended that any checks that need to be written for AAA expenses be submitted to Becky Miller at the Beef Center office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jillane Pike, second by Jan Effertz.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz