

Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

April 23, 2025

Zoom Meeting

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

Non-members present: Becky Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President F.D. McCarthy.

A motion to accept the March 11, 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 which is running smoothly. She and Emily from their office have been getting log in credentials out to members as they are requested. The AI certificate function has been fixed and works now. She is working through the inbox that she inherited, about a month left to go. The phone number has been transferred and the new office is getting lots of calls. She is still waiting for the Quickbooks file from the old office, when she gets it, they can get credit card processing turned on. The North Dakota Annual Report has been filed.

Sherry Doubet has DNA samples that have been returned to her office from Neogen and wonders what we want to do with them. Her experience is that if someone needs a particular sample, they are very hard to find and even if found, might not have enough tissue left to run another test. Rob Fanning reiterated that breeders with donors and AI sires should keep a DNA sample in their possession in the event new technology comes along and they need to be retested. Darwin Engelkes reminded the board that they voted to dispose of old DNA samples. Jan Effertz will send Shelley Dodd the information she needs to put a reminder on the website for owners of donors and AI sires.

Committee Reports

David Shockey reported the Strategic Planning, Commercial and Breeders Services Committees met informally. They want to work on a mission statement for the committee and want the board to work on their own mission statement. David will send the mission statement to the board. Darwin Engelkes said the board discussed the mission statement last summer and sent it back to the committee with the request to shorten it.

Rob Fanning reported on the National Show and Sale committee. Matt Reinken will replace Brad Tummons on the committee. We have two options for the 2026 schedule since we cannot show on Monday, due to a donor's event in the show arena. The first option is junior and bull shows on Saturday, female show on Sunday. The second option would be junior and bull shows on Sunday, sale on Monday, female show on

Tuesday. The sale would take place in the “Yards” sale facility. The NWSS donor event will continue for a few years on Monday until the horse facility is completed. Rob reviewed the expenses associated with a sale including 2 ½% plus \$500 for the National Western, \$2000 for CCI Live, \$150 for health, there would be a \$2500 deposit required. A sale would work only if we have enough lots consigned and they would need to be of high quality with good photos and video and promotion. We need to make a decision by May. The board will request that Neil Effertz take a look at the idea, poll some breeders and get back to the board with his opinion.

There was a lengthy discussion of the “Deemed Recorded” issue, a handful of breeders have been contacting board members about the issue. The board is still unanimous in its decision.

F.D. McCarthy asked the board to think about what direction we want to head with our breed.

Allen Sieverkropp reported he has sold most of his cows and wants the board to know about it. With his term expiring in January of 2026, the board agreed he still meets the standard for being on the board and expressed hope he would remain on the board until his term expires.

Jan Effertz presented a proposed guideline for ADG for high percentage and fullblood market animals for use by fair boards, as requested by a couple of Iowa members. Jan Effertz moved to accept the proposal for a minimum ADG of 1.5 for high percentage and fullblood market animals, second by Jillane Pike. Motion carried. Jan will get the guidelines to Shelley Dodd for the website.

Rob Fanning said the board discussed in Denver that a senior yearling with a calf at side should show in the female show and not the cow/calf show. If a cow is over two years of age, they must have a calf at side to show. If the board still agrees, he will get the rule changed for all major shows in their premium books. There was no opposition, and Rob will take care of it.

Darwin Engelkes said the board last fall approved the East and Midwest regional associations reimbursement and it has come to his attention that they were never paid. David Shockey will check to see if the Western regional association was paid. We should double check and get with Becky Miller to get the checks written if necessary.

Darwin Engelkes reminded the board that it's not too early to get started on the Breeder's Directory.

Jillane Pike moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz

Email meeting:

On April 29 Jan Effertz made a motion to put a moratorium on overage registration fees (one rate for all cattle, regardless of age, \$15 for fullbloods, \$12 for percentage) until August 1, 2025. Second by Rick Dodd.

Jan Effertz moved to amend the motion to extend the moratorium until December 31, 2025, second by Rob Fanning.

Amendment passed.

Amended motion carried.