

Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

May 28, 2025

Zoom Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM by President F.D. McCarthy.

A motion was made by David Shockey, seconded by Allen Sieverkropp to approve the minutes of the April 23 meeting. Motion carried.

Rob Fanning reported by text before the meeting that the NWSS said the Sunday bull and junior show, Monday sale and Tuesday female show schedule was no longer an option. They needed the Aberdeens to be out of the barn on Tuesday so they could turn it over for the next breeds.

Rob Fanning said he has had multiple conversations with the staff at the National Western and the Cattlemen's Congress and Neil Effertz. He thinks our best action would be to keep the National Show and meeting in Denver for one more year. He doesn't think having the sale on Monday, after the shows, would be successful and it's important to have a successful National Sale. He proposed the junior and bull shows on Saturday, female show on Sunday and no national sale for 2026. We will get to try out the new barn and have a dialog with the NWSS staff about a schedule for 2027. Then we can decide if we want to move the National Show, Sale and Meeting to another location.

The Cattlemen's Congress (OKC) has adjusted their schedule to allow Aberdeen breeders to show there and still get to Denver in time this year. OKC has been very cooperative and would like us to move our national events there.

There was general agreement among the board that there are pros and cons to a national event at the NWSS vs the Cattlemen's Congress:

- A decision to change the location of the national show is a big one and needs input from the exhibitors and attendees.
- Facilities in Denver are new with good electricity.
- This would be the first year in the new "hill" barn at the NWSS.
- OKC would be less expensive, less crime, better parking but facilities are not as good as Denver.
- The NWSS has been very uncooperative with our breed over the last couple of years and this year scheduled an event in the show ring on the day of our female show which, they tell us, will continue for several years.
- Some board members are reluctant to rule out a national sale for 2026.
- We aren't getting traffic in our stalls in Denver because we are there so early.

- Some breeders have contacted board members to say they would not show in OKC for various reasons.
- OKC has been very welcoming to our breed.

Rick Dodd reported there is an Embassy Suites in OKC, three miles from the show facility, and they would be pleased to work with our association.

By keeping the national events in Denver one more year, there will be an opportunity to get input from breeders and attendees and, if a change is to be made, it can be made early in the year.

There was discussion about some breeds rotating their national show, Kansas City (American Royal) would be another possibility that would avoid some of the bad weather we deal with in January in Denver and/or Oklahoma City.

The proposed schedule would be:

Arrive at the NWSS Tuesday, January 6 or Wednesday, January 7
Junior and bull show Saturday, January 10 (afternoon)
Female show Sunday, January 11 (morning)
Released after the female show

The Aberdeen show at the Cattlemen's Congress will be Monday, January 5.

We will need a time for a discussion with breeders about the 2027 national events, perhaps at the stock show before the junior and bull shows. The annual meeting could be held at the same time. This schedule will be worked out before July 1.

President F.D. McCarthy asked the board members to think about a plan for a national sale in 2027, whatever the venue.

A motion was made by Rob Fanning to keep the National Aberdeen Show at the National Western for 2026 and have a discussion with all the exhibitors to determine how we move forward in future years. We would pause the National Sale for 2026 because scheduling factors will hinder a successful sale. Second by Rick Dodd. Motion carried.

We will have our next board meeting in June, after Junior Nationals unless a need arises for an earlier meeting.

Rick Dodd moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz