

## Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors

August 21, 2025

Zoom Meeting

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

Others present: Becky Miller

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

David Shockey moved to accept the minutes of the June 5 meeting, second by Allen Sieverkropp. Motion carried.

Becky Miller presented the financial report. The new office still has some things to work through. She reviewed the balance of the checking account and presented the Beef Center's bill that covered their work since they took over the association. They will present a bill to the board each month for approval. She will have a balance sheet by the end of September.

There are still a lot of balances for banquet tickets from Denver and they will go through the records to see if they have been paid.

There was discussion of the new billing system. Members will get a bill on the first of the month for work in the previous month. They can pay that bill with a credit card or send a check. Credit cards can be accepted over the phone. They can keep a card on file but they do not have the cards that were on file at the old office, members will have to call in to save a card.

Becky Miller discussed the possibility of closing the office on the first day of the month so the staff can get invoices out and reconcile accounts. The board agreed with this idea.

There was discussion of charging a processing fee for credit card transactions. There would be no charge for payment made by check. Becky reported a 3% charge would not quite cover the cost, 4% would be slightly more than the cost to the AAA.

Jillane Pike made a motion to charge 4% on credit card transactions, seconded by David Shockey. Motion carried.

Becky Miller reported they will do an eblast reminding the membership that nominations for the board will close September 1.

The board asked Becky to include the board on all eblasts.

Rick Dodd reported that the hotel for the National Western is booked. He will get the information on the website.

Farabee McCarthy reported the President's Committee met via Zoom last week to plan for the board election. There will be 3 open positions on the board, Allen Sieverkrpp. Rick Dodd and Farabee McCarthy will have expiring terms. It is important to remind the membership there is a maximum of three board members per region which means only one new board member can be elected from the Midwest Region.

Rob Fanning reported that the National Western premium book is out. The Aberdeen schedule will be:

Saturday, January 10: 1:00 PM: Pen and Bull Show followed by the Junior Show

Sunday, January 11: 8:00 AM Female Show

Judges will be Ed and Mandy Raithel for the Junior Show and Cheramie Viator for the open shows.

Rob will be attending the special meeting at the National Western September 22 – 23. (Note: On August 12, via text message, Rick Dodd made a motion to pay for travel expenses to the September National Western meeting for Rob Fanning, seconded by Jan Effertz. Motion carried.) He also reported that all major shows have had the rule changed for the Aberdeen show regarding Senior Yearlings being allowed to show with a calf at side.

David Shockey reported the Breeder Services committee is seeking a mission statement from the board. He also reported there have been rave reviews of the new office. The committee sees the need for more promotion.

There was a discussion of the most effective shows and methods for breed promotion.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jan Effertz.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz