

Minutes
American Aberdeen Association Board of Directors
November 5, 2025
Zoom Meeting

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

Others present: Becky Miller

President F. D. McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM CT.

David Shockey made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25 meeting, second by Rick Dodd. Motion carried.

Becky Miller provided an update on office operations. She will have financials by the end of the week. They are sending the monthly billing for members for the second month. They have cleaned up loose threads from 2023 and 2022.

Ballots for the board election were sent on Friday and should be arriving in mailboxes. They are receiving many phone calls, 15 – 20 per day.

We had 207 registrations and 109 transfers in October, 114 registrations and 95 transfers in September.

Brianna was able to attend the American Royal and meet the breeders who were there.

Rob Fanning reported that Brianna was great help with the NAILE program.

Becky has registration for National Meeting banquet and sponsorships on the website. They will send out invoices. December 20 is the deadline for reduced price on banquet tickets.

They will be sending an invoice to all paid members for annual memberships. They are using Microsoft Team to help with reminders for these tasks for next year.

Farabee McCarthy opened discussion for the awards presented at the National meeting. Jan Effertz will order the buckles from Maynard Buckles. Buckles will be presented to Grand and Reserve Fullblood Bull and Female and Grand and Reserve Champion Percentage Bull and Female. If additional buckles are needed they can be ordered after the show.

The board discussed special breeder awards and selected three breeders to be recognized at the annual meeting and banquet. The list will appear in the minutes after the awards are presented.

Rob Fanning reviewed the National Show and changes for this year with the National Western. He will find out if there will be a perimeter fence and a requirement for all breeders to have an exhibitor badge. Parking will be a challenge this year, we will try to get options on the website. There will be a staging parking lot that all exhibitors will go through.

Rick Dodd reported the Embassy Suites has filled our block already, we have 179 room nights booked.

Farabee McCarthy and David Shockey reported on the Junior Association. They had a couple of Zoom meetings with Jan Effertz, Rick Dodd, David Shockey and Farabee McCarthy and had a couple of discussions with Courtney Walker. Through the process, they reviewed the bylaws of the Junior Association which will need revision to allow for more flexibility. The AAA board liaison to the Junior Association will need to be a member of the advisory group. There needs to be a defined chain of command. Contracts should be signed by a senior board member, probably the president. The AAA board needs a little more involvement than what is currently stated in the bylaws. There was discussion of requiring background checks for adult advisors. Courtney will work with the junior board to amend the bylaws. Jan Effertz will check in with her.

David Shockey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz