

Minutes

American Aberdeen Association Board Meeting

June 11, 2026

Zoom Meeting

Members present: David Shockey, Rob Fanning, Colton Tom, Darwin Engelkes, Jillane Pike, Renae Stentz, Jan Effertz.

The meeting was called to order by Darwin Engelkes at 6:38 PM.

There was lengthy discussion of the proposal by the Beef Center to change the fees for the AAA.

The board voiced concern over the following items:

1. We have not been given Quickbooks access. It would give us clarity and access to reports.
2. We have not yet received a complete financial report since we moved to the new office, nearly 18 months ago.
3. We do not have a report of our accounts receivable although we have requested it several times.
4. Memberships and registrations are down since 2024. Registrations for 2024 were 1670, for 2025 they were 1350; transfers for 2024 were 1328, 1045 in 2025, adult members in 2024 were 748, in 2025 they were 514. Granted, 2025 was the transition to the new office so there were a couple of months we did not do any business and we were fighting some member dissatisfaction with the old office.
5. The concept of paying overage fees in addition to the increase in both monthly office fees and monthly technology fees is concerning. We would like to pursue having overage fees on a 2 or 3 month basis to allow for the ebb and flow of time spent on AAA business.
6. NCBE is asking us to pay nearly double what we have been paying for a decrease in service. Brianna seemed to be answering the phone all the time before Jake came on board and that has changed now.
7. There was acknowledgement that the initial bid from NCBE was very low.
8. We don't want to tell the membership that they can only call the office mornings or a few hours per week.
9. We would like to know what hours have been devoted to AAA work in the past.
10. We would like to have transparency from the office.
11. Our goal is to keep the association afloat, pay our bills, do some promotion and be prepared for a lean year of two. We would like to evaluate our fees for registration, transfers, memberships and dna.
12. There are many positives in working with the NCBE, customer service has been great, DNA has been submitted regularly and results have been reported promptly. Brianna has been superb.

The board agreed that Darwin Engelkes should approach Jake Renner and tell him we can't make a decision on his proposal until we have the reports and information we have been requesting, in a non-confrontational manner.

The next meeting will be scheduled after junior nationals.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz