

Minutes
American Aberdeen Association Board Meeting
August 25, 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 6:33 PM.

The board discussed the Dam and Sire of Merit program and asked about progress in getting the 2025 selections completed. Jan Effertz will check into this with Jake Renner.

There was a discussion on AI certificates, some cattle are being registered without the necessary AI certificates and it seems like the system isn't always taking an AI cert out of a breeder's account when it is used. Jan Effertz will discuss it with Jake.

There was a lengthy discussion of the new contract that has been sent to us for signature by NCBE. NCBE has still not sent the board a completed financial report which has been a concern by the board for a year and a half. NCBE recently moved to the Charolais office in Kansas City and did not inform the board or update the physical address on forms and our website. The board discussed some possible changes to the contract. Jan Effertz and Renae Stentz will compile the changes and submit an edited version of the contract to the board and to Jake Renner.

There was a lengthy discussion of herd prefixes and herd letters. Some breeders are concerned that their herd letters are being used as prefixes by other breeders. Darwin Engelkes will call the office and tell them they can't use those letters in their prefix and new papers will be issued.

Jan Effertz made a motion that a breeder cannot use another breeder's herd letters as a prefix and if a breeder is inactive for 10 years, their herd letters are surrendered, second by Renae Stentz.

It was noted that in the Angus breed, many breeders use the same prefix and the prefix does not always match the herd letters. More research is necessary.

Jan Effertz moved to rescind her motion and Renae Stentz moved to rescind her second.

Jan Effertz will check into the prefix and herd letter issue with Megan.

David Shockey reported there was a strategic planning committee meeting but he did not attend, nor did Jillane Pike.

Rob Fanning reported on the National Western Stock Show and a National Sale. Neil Effertz proposed the idea of adding a couple of pens of Moderator Plus heifers to the sale offering. It could be an opportunity to get more commercial cattlemen involved in the breed and the sale. American cattlemen are trying to grow the cowherd right now and a Moderator Plus females would be a plus for the breed. Adding to the sale offering will help pay the fixed costs associated with a sale. It would boost the sale gross and hopefully boost sale attendance. Moderator plus (25% to 49.99%) females would need to be allowed in the pen show only.

The possibility of "pick of the herd" consignments was discussed as well as animals that are presented by video but not in person.

Rob Fanning moved to make a division for Moderator Plus heifers (25% to 49.99%) in the NWSS pen show and these cattle would be eligible for the National Sale, second by Jillane Pike.

The idea is to promote our Moderator bulls, to show what a cattleman gets when using a Moderator bull on his commercial heifers. Rob Fanning noted he will have to clear this with the NWSS.

Motion carried.

Darwin Engelkes said our CDs will mature in September.

Renae Stentz moved the CDs be rolled again, with the interest included, for 6 months, second by Jan Effertz. Motion carried.

David Shockey moved to accept the minutes for the July 7 meeting, second by Renae Stentz. Motion carried.

The AAA field day is coming up on Saturday at the University of Findlay.

It was reported that the Iowa State Fair show was great, lots of participation and a good junior show too.

Jillane Pike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz