

AEA Board Minutes Monday ~ January 09, 2017

Call to Order - 6:08 pm (central)

Moment of Silence

Roll call - JoAnna Stinar, Terry Turner, Carolyn Palo, Joylene Reavis, Betty Lou Cauffman & Jay Winslow
Guest – Susan Wright

Minutes - * Carolyn made a motion to accept the 12-12-16 special meeting minutes as amended. Joy abstained. Terry seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Income & Expense Statement / Financial Position Statement - * Terry motioned to accept the financial reports as written. Carolyn seconded. Motion carried.

NOTE – The Kansas bank accounts are now closed and all money is in the Illinois accounts.

OLD BUSINESS

Actions Taken Since Last Meeting – No votes taken since the last meeting.

AEA Phone Report – Only a few calls this month mainly from people who are not computer literate. There was a call about raising emus and another about selling emus in Florida. Terry will follow up.

Treasurers Position - Betty Lou suggested that we divide the current treasurer position into 2 positions consisting of 1.) a treasurer who would be a board member and would sign checks and 2.) a paid bookkeeper who may or may not be an AEA member. Duties would need to be assigned to each position.

Susan will check into QuickBooks regarding dual access costs.

Betty Lou will talk to her bookkeeper to discuss pricing.

Board cautioned that the paid bookkeeping position should be offered to the AEA membership. Something like “ An experienced bookkeeper with QuickBooks experience is sought for a paid position. Those interested should contact Betty Lou Cauffman.”

Brian Smith is interested in the divided treasurer position on the AEA BOD.

A suggestion was made that the AEA should use a major US bank so that the accounts can remain where they are when a treasurer position changes. With major banks, online bank deposits can be easily made.

Oil Committee – Nothing to report over the holidays. Susan will talk to JoAnna so that a meeting can be scheduled.

Once the new administration gets going, we will contact Marcia about resuming the GRAS application.

Complaints of inconsistency from batch to batch have been heard. most of these are about Texas A&M oil. It was noted that the AEA can only monitor AEA Certified Emu Oil.

Parliamentary Committee – Susan’s rebuttal has not been fully reviewed by the parliamentary committee. Carolyn will let Marcia know that the information is still being reviewed and that the AEA will reply once the information has been thoroughly reviewed.

Nomination Committee – The AEA board accepted Marcia Huddleston’s resignation. * Joy motioned that, in keeping with the by-laws, the nominations committee consist of Terry Turner (board liaison), De McCleery (chair), Carolyn Palo & Jim Glick. Jay seconded. Motion carried.

3 director positions are up for election in 2017 –

Joy- at large (she will run);

Terry – region 4,5 & 6 (she will run);

Carolyn – region1 & 2 (she will NOT run).

Terry will send a copy of the Nominations Timeline to the board.

Terry said to remind JoAnna that the call for nominations must be announced in the newsletter around the first of February.

Newsletter – 2 issues (September/October & November/December) are going out this week. The January/February newsletter deadline is January 25 and MUST go out in February to call for nominations.

JoAnna will add to the November newsletter the notice of research needed on breeder female carcasses during breeding season.

Branson Tour Packages – No contact as of yet. Joy will check on this later this week.

Website - JoAnna has talked to the web builder and will follow up later this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Code of Ethics – Joy suggested adding, "Recognize that the chief function of this association, at all times, is to serve the best interests of its members." to the Code of Ethics. Susan will send a copy of the Code of Ethics and the suggestion for the board to review.

State Affiliates – Mike Martin has given notice that the Kansas Association is disbanding.

It was noted that the AEA By-Laws may need to be changed to less than 25 members in order to start an affiliate association in case some of these states would someday wish to reinstate their affiliation.

CBM Program – Letters for new CBM members and renewals need to go out in the March/April newsletter.

Promotion used last year - SAVE \$150 - New members will be charged a reduced set-up fee of \$200 (normally \$350) that is due with the application.

SAVE \$50 - Renewing CBM's, who get all of their CBM paperwork (including their Certified Emu Oil Program applications and paperwork) turned in by April 30, will get their first month (June) FREE.

*Carolyn motioned to use the same promotion as last year for the 2017 CBM program. Terry seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 7:33 pm (central) * Terry motioned to adjourn. Carolyn seconded. Motion carried.