

AEA-BOD Meeting Minutes Monday ~ April 10, 2017

Call To Order

Moment of Silence

Roll call - JoAnna Stinar, Terry Turner, Carolyn Palo, Joylene Reavis, Betty Lou Cauffman & Jay Winslow, Brian Smith
Guest for part of the meeting – Susan Wright

Minutes - * Terry made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Carolyn seconded. Joy abstained. Motion carried.

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

Brian is transitioning into the treasurer's position.

OLD BUSINESS

Actions Taken Since Last Meeting – 3-18-17 Gary Smith approved for membership.

3-22-17 Jeremy Lamarch approved for membership.

3-28-17 Tom McHaffie approved for membership.

3-26-17 * Joylene Reavis motioned to rescind the following motion and to leave the sections as they are with a possible change to either a “two thirds vote” or a “simple majority”, if deemed necessary. Carolyn Palo seconded. Motion carried.

3-13-17 “ Brian motioned to change 4.10 E to match 6.3 B. Jay seconded. Motion carried.”

Parliamentary Committee - By-Laws Changes

Removal of Board Member - Suggest changing By-Law Section 4.10 E to match By-Law Section 6.3 B.

- ~~By-Law Section 4.10 E - At any Directors' meeting a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all persons then serving on the Board is necessary for removal.~~
- ~~By-Law Section 6.3 B - Any Officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board may be removed at any time with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board.~~

NOTE - By-Law Section 4.10 E refers to removal of a director.

By-Law Section 6.3 B refers to removal of an elected or appointed officer (not necessarily removing them as a director).

These are basically the same but, they are different and should be worded differently. The only change, if we feel that it needs to be done, is that both should state either a “two thirds vote” or a “simple majority”.

AEA Phone Report – 2-3 calls per week asking for information on raising emus. Several inquiries about hosting a convention in the future.

Newsletter – Planning to send it out in the next few days.

Nominations Committee – 2 members are running.

Oil Committee – 2 members are using information without AEA approval that are being worked with to remedy the problem.

Parliamentary Committee - By-Laws Changes - Carolyn will write up by-law change suggestions.

Removal of Board Member – Board agrees to leave this as it is.

Treasurers Duties - Suggest additional information be added to By-Laws Section 6.8 Treasurer.

The current section reads:

By-Law Section 6.8 D Treasurer - At the expiration of his or her term of office, the Treasurer shall deliver to his or her successor all books, money and other Association property in his or her charge, or in the absence of a successor, he or she shall deliver such properties to the President.

Suggested change in Green:

Section 6.8 D Treasurer - **Unless otherwise instructed by the board of directors** at the expiration of his or her term of office, the Treasurer shall deliver to his or her successor all books, money and other Association

property in his or her charge, or in the absence of a successor, he or she shall deliver such properties to the President. **A reasonable time frame to complete the transition shall be determined by the board of directors. The outgoing treasurer, or a board appointee, will act as interim treasurer and oversee the smooth transfer to the new treasurer.**

* Jay motioned to approve the following International Membership by-laws suggestions -

International Members – Suggest removing International members from voting by removing By-Laws Section 3.1 A 2 -

Section 3.1 Classes of Membership:

A. Voting member:

Delete and Move To 3.1 B 7

~~2. General International membership: A person or family who is active or planning to be active in raising, producing and/or selling the emu or emu products. Each International Member that is a family shall designate its choice of 1 (one) voting representative on its original membership application and shall give written notification to the Association of any change of the designated voting representative.~~

And adding to -

B. Non-Voting Membership:

7. General International membership: A person or family who is active or planning to be active in raising, producing and/or selling the emu or emu products. Each International Member that is a family shall designate its choice of 1 (one) voting representative on its original membership application and shall give written notification to the Association of any change of the designated voting representative.

JoAnna seconded. Motion carried.

2017 Convention – Speakers - Loading suggestions. Jay mentioned using a 24” alley. Thoughts of possibly making a rolling gates for inside trailer to force them to unload. Using a tarp for now.

Should talk to Deitra McCleery on how they loaded emus into a semi without touching a bird and get diagram of their set-up.

Get ideas from Cyril Klein and Dennis Anderson on the best set-ups to load from and some to definitely avoid.

Waiting to hear from toastmaster group on public speaking speaker.

Decorations – Terry will spray feather on glass vases. JoAnna suggested feathers on a pencil held with rubber bands as fillers for floral arrangements.

Friday Entertainment – Agreed to look at \$350.00 comedians. Carolyn will ask Tourism Bureau for recommendations on which company they would recommend.

JoAnna has donations letters ready to send.

2018 Convention – Requests for Proposals (RFPs) went out March 16. 16 hotels have responded. Negotiations will start later this week.

The problem with downtown hotels is that they are located 15 – 20 miles from the airport. Most hotels do not provide shuttle service from airport and hotels near airport have no transportation to downtown area.

If nothing we have received fits our requirements. Joy will look at Chicago, IL and Omaha, NE.

Website– Website is being worked on. JoAnna needs input from Joy and Jay.

Domain Name – * Brian motioned for Susan to register www.aea-emu.com at \$30 per year for the AEA. JoAnna Seconded. Motion carried. The AEA already has www.aea-emu.org and www.aea-emu.net , plus Susan has www.aea-emu.in .

Non-profit Status – Brian reported that the AEA is registered in Texas as a non-profit C5 with perpetual membership and franchised tax exempt.

The AEA Research registration was cancelled but, it is being reinstated. The AEA Research is registered as a 501 C3 non-profit, franchised tax exempt and sales tax exempt.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance – Philadelphia insurance has lapsed. Brian will talk to Susan about getting that paid and reactivated.

Emu Growth Research – Emu carcasses have been requested for research by Chris Griffin at Virginia Tech. www.ctgriffin.com

Thank You Gifts – Several ideas were discussed.

ADJOURN – 7:39 pm - * Carolyn motioned to adjourn. Terry seconded. Motion carried