

AEA Board Minutes

Monday ~ November 14, 2016

Call to Order – 6:04 PM

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 minutes as written. Joy abstained. Jay seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - * Carolyn motioned to accept the treasurers report as written. Terry seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

AEA Phone Report – 3-4 phone calls each week. A man from Canada is interested in buying emus. Some are about raising emus and others are about oil.

Treasurers Position – Susan will send a list of state treasurers to Betty Lou. Terry Spade's wife was interested but, could not attend the convention. Betty Lou will talk to her further.

If no one can be found, the AEA may have to hire a treasurer. Susan will send by-laws information on hiring a treasurer.

Materials from Betty – All boxes have been received from Betty Augustine at a cost of \$247.25. Discussion on whether or not to ask for reimbursement of convention expenses. Others in the past have left the AEA-BOD after only a few months of the convention and none of them were required to reimburse their convention costs for rooms and registration.

Susan suggests sending a letter asking that she delete or destroy any and all AEA information that she was given as treasurer. Betty Augustine must sign and return a statement that she has complied with this request. Betty Lou will send a copy of the letter the AEA-BOD YahooGroups list for review and to be voted on.

JoAnna will send a copy of the AEA letterhead to the AEA-BOD YahooGroups list and to each board member.

* Terry motioned to pay Betty Augustine \$247.25 as reimbursement for shipping all treasurer items once her statement of compliance for deleting or destroying all AEA treasurer information, has been signed and received. Joy seconded. Motion carried.

Actions Taken Since Last Meeting – Suggested to add this heading as an item on the monthly meeting agenda after the Minutes and Treasurers Report. Joy will fill in items voted on during the month and the president and other board members can add items if it is not complete.

Heartland Credit Union – Checks have been received. * Terry motioned to close accounts at the Heartland Credit union and transfer the money to the existing accounts in Ottawas, Illinois. Carolyn seconded. Motion carried.

Convention Report – Speaker possibilities: Todd Green, Maria Minnaar, Dr. Winston, Scott (website developer), NPIP Program.

Ag speaker on the 2009 bill to certify state processing plants same as USDA.

Joy will contact Branson Tourism Bureau about possible Branson discount packages.

Convention committees -

Oil Committee – They've had two meetings since the last board meeting and are moving forward on 5-6 company applications. A bottler will be coming up soon for board approval.

Website – Susan, Scott and JoAnna had a meeting in early October. The new website will be a completely modernized remake of the old website. They will have a meeting soon on content. Board members are asked to write down 5 things that they would like to see on the new website.

What do you go to a website for?

Suggested a photo gallery from members with their farm names on the photos.

Suggested lots of pictures of emus on the website. Possibly a member contest to get more photos to use on the website.

We were told that the new website can be completed in several months.

NEW BUSINESS

American Oil Chemist Society (AOCS) Membership Dues – Dues are \$875.00. Betty Lou will talk to Cyril to get his opinion on whether or not the AEA should renew its AOCS membership.

Farm 2 Ranch Magazine – The AEA has been offered a free listing in Farm 2 Ranch Magazine. * Terry motioned to partner with Farm 2 Ranch magazine. Joy seconded. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN 7:56 pm * Carolyn made a motion to adjourn. Joy seconded. Motion carried.