

## AEA-BOD Meeting Thursday ~ January 11, 2018

**Call To Order** 6:05 pm

**Moment of Silence** -

**Roll call** - Terry Turner, Joylene Reavis, Jay Winslow, Andy Martin, JoAnna Stinar, Brian Smith.

Excused absence - Betty Lou Cauffman

Guest – Susan Wright

**Minutes** – \* JoAnna motioned to accept the the minutes as written. Jay Seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial Report** – \* Joy motioned to accept the Financial Report as written. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Actions Taken Since Last Meeting** – \* Joy motioned to send flowers to Betty Lou during her hospitalization. Jay seconded. Motion carried.

**AEA Phone Report** – Very few calls during holidays. New website will will encourage people to call.

**Oil Committee Report** – Oil committee met last week.

**A.) Refinery Applications Update** – The oil committee made a recommendation to approve the updated application. It was updated to match the bottler application along with the following: the refiner will be charged the Certified Oil Management Fee and that they will be asked if they are registered with the FDA. \* JoAnna made a motion to approve the updated Refiner Application. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

**B.) DNA testing of Emu Oil** - It was suggested to look into using a private lab. The board will check into labs we have used before for more information.

**Other Committee Reports** – Nothing new to report.

**Farm Bill's Livestock Indemnity Program** – Fair market emu values have been determined and will be sent to the livestock Indemnity program.

**US Fish & Wildlife Service Export Regulations** – The board is determining what needs to be done to have emus removed from the I.U.C.N. List of Threatened Species. Emus are currently on the list of least concern. Shippers exporting anything emu related must now be licensed as exporters, file a declaration and each shipment must be inspected for a \$90 fee. Board is waiting for verification on statement that Australia & Canada do not pay this fee along with possible extenuating circumstances. Tabled until next meeting.

**Tariffs for Importing Emu Oil & Emu Meat** – Board will look into this. It was suggested to contact Chris Conllin (Taxes), Washington D.C.

**Newsletter** – Nov/Dec newsletter is almost ready to go out. Articles for the Jan/Feb newsletter deadline is 2 weeks.

**2018 Convention** – Convention committee needs people to take over Betty Lou's duties.

The Marriott Hotel has changed their phone system and some contacts have new phone numbers.

**Hotel Reservations Desk – Phone - 336-665-6530 800-228-9290, 2018 American Emu Association (AEA)**

### Convention Airport Hotel

Requested an "impressive" picture of the convention tour emu farm for future convention promotion.

**Website** – New website is being reviewed this week. Corrections and updates are being made.

**July Changes to ByLaws** – Updated By-Laws have been uploaded to the website and yahooGroups files. \* Jay motioned to change the Policy & Procedures Manual to match the By-Law updates. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

**North Dakota Emu Association** – They have voted to disband. AEA is waiting to receive the final papers.

**Grey House Publishing** – Needs updating. Board will google them to find out more on what needs to be done.

**ET&T Article On Emu Processing & Refining** – Board will see if they needs more information.

**YouTube Videos From AEA Convention** – Board agrees to NOT link to private YouTube videos. Possibly link to Alphet Zoup's YouTube videos promoting emus that AEA members contributed to. Board will look into it.

**Fake Emu Oil** – Parliamentarian committee will help monitor and recommend action.

**Nominations Committee** – Announcement that nominations are now being taken for board election must be made by February 4th. There will be 5 opening this year. Two of the at-large sitting directors have agreed to run and a director for region 3 will be appointed. Two nominees will be needed – 1 - for Region 4, 5 & 6 and 1 - at-large..

**Committee Volunteers** – A letter has been drafted to welcome volunteers to the various committees. Each committee will need to update this letter to meet the committee's needs.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Farm Bill Landing Page Launched** – This can be accessed through the current House committee's website, <https://agriculture.house.gov/farmbill> The Ag Committee will monitor Farm Bill actions affecting the emu industry.

**New Member Application** – \* Joy motioned to approve Mona Frey, Clearville, PA as a non-voting member. Jay seconded. Motion carried.

**Farm & AEA Buttons** – Brian Smith is now capable of making custom buttons. He should post an ad to members for this service. AEA may possibly want buttons for convention Welcome Bags. Convention Committee needs to discuss this. Tabled until next meeting.

**ADJOURN** 7:35 pm \* Brian motioned to adjourn. Jay seconded. Motion carried.