

AEA-BOD Meeting Thursday ~ December 14, 2017

Call To Order – 6:12 PM

Moment of Silence

Roll Call - Betty Lou Cauffman, Terry Turner, Joylene Reavis, Jay Winslow, Andy Martin, JoAnna Stinar. Brian Smith joined late.

Guest – Susan Wright

Minutes – * Terry motioned to accept the the minutes as corrected. Jay Seconded. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Actions Taken Since Last Meeting – None

AEA Phone Report – More calls than usual. Talked to people looking for fertile eggs and chicks. Some asked questions about emu oil, the emu industry or raising emus.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Oil Committee Report –

A.) Certified oil Program & Trade Rules – Suggests that the AEA know for the files, if an Emu Oil Refinery is FDA registered. BOD agrees and will add this question to the refinery application.

B.) Refinery & Bottler Applications – A copy of the updated refinery application with the suggested changes will be sent to the BOD so, they can vote approval. Once approved, a letter will be put together to send to Paul Binford in reference to his inquiry.

C.) DNA Testing of Emu Oil – Several universities have been contacted. None have been found that will do the testing. It was suggested to use a private lab. Board will check with labs we have used before.

Farm Bill's Livestock Indemnity Program – Board will look into this further to determine emu values but, they want to see how the request was worded.

Fish & Wildlife Export Regulations – Board will look into having 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.

It was stated that Australia & Canada to not pay a fee when exporting to the US. Board asked for verification of this statement as, extenuating circumstance could be responsible for this. Once all facts are known, the board will create a letter to send to the Ag secretary and all Ag committee members along with the Trade secretary.

Tariffs for Importing Emu Oil & Emu Meat – Same plan as with Fish & Wildlife Export Regulations above. Once all facts are known, the board will create a letter to send to the Ag secretary and all Ag committee members along with the Trade secretary. The board will look into contacting Senator Grassly for advice.

Newsletter – Current newsletter will be out as soon as possible.

2018 Convention – Nothing new to report.

2019 convention – The board has been contacted by two sources who find convention venues at no cost to the AEA. Contact information for these people will be filed for future reference.

AEA Website – Board was informed us that the web designer is currently sick but, he should have the website finished by Christmas.

USDA Wildlife Service – Same as Indemnity Program

Website Questions About Consumer Alert Page – The board talked to a website developer and gave him all the information for his client to rectify his past problems and be removed from the Consumer Alert page. It is now up to his client to submit the required information.

By-Law Changes – The board will update the By-Laws according to the changes voted on during the 2017 Membership Meeting in July and post to the proper areas.

AEA By-Laws - 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.**

VOTE #2 - INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP – 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

Membership Application - Board will update AEA Membership Application, if needed, due to By-Law changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Letter 10-25-2017 – No further contact after response.

American Oil Chemist Society (AOCS) Membership Renewal – * Terry Motioned to renew membership in the AOCS. Joy seconded. Motion carried. The board will inquire about posting the AOCS logo, as a member, on the AEA website.

North Dakota Emu Association Disbands – North Dakota voted to disband. They plan to join the Iowa Emu Association and send their treasury money to the AEA. The check and formal letters are ready to send to the AEA.

AEA Registered Agent – Must be someone from Texas. Deitra McCleery has been the AEA Registered Agent but, she is not planning to renew her membership. * Terry motioned to wave membership dues for Deitra McCleery so that she can remain an AEA member with full voting rights and continue as the AEA Registered Agent. Joy seconded. Motion carried.

The board will update the AEA members list.

Grey House Publishing – Some information posted is not correct. Board will review a copy of the AEA listing for updating.

ET&T Article On Emu Processing & Refining – They have contacted the AEA for more information. The board will talk to them.

New Member Application – Applicant is looking into selling emu oil products. * Joy motioned to approve Debra Stephenson as a non-voting member. Terry seconded. Motion carried.

YouTube Videos From 2006 AEA Convention - Leigh Hopkins, Dr. Winston, Lebron Long, Robert Sunderlage, Certified Accupuncturist – The board will review these videos to see that there is nothing on them that the FDA would find improper. If no objections are found, it was discussed if we could possibly link them to the AEA website. Tabled until content is determined.

Amines Possibly Present in Emu Oil (Amines are organic compounds which contain and are often actually based on one or more atoms of nitrogen) – Amines are caused by protein breakdown. Properly refining emu oil removes all protein.

Possible Link To [HealthyButSmart](#) – BOD agrees NOT to link to this website.

Kansas Rescue Shelter – Contacted by a person looking for a rescue shelter in Kansas that would take emus. Board will post to members list.

Link to www.LivestockoftheWorld.com - These are low cost classified ads for agricultural items. Agreed NOT to link to the AEA website but, the AEA will post information to the members list and write an article for the newsletter.

Certified Business Members (CBM) Application – Application reviewed as to whether or not we will continue \$150 fee for new CBM members and the promotion to get 1 free month if paperwork is completed on time like we did last year. * Terry motioned to keep the CBM application the same as last year. Jay seconded. Motion carried.

Fake Emu Oil – The board stated that “fake” emu oil being sold cheap (\$9.99 for a 4 oz. bottle) is showing up online at an alarming rate. The board will contact the Parliamentarian committee to see if they would help monitor and recommend action. Dr. Hernandez would be willing to act as an expert in determining oil quality. There are lawyers that have been talked to that said a suit could be brought by the AEA or that a class action suit by emu growers, who could sign up for it at no cost to them. Further research will be done.

Committee Volunteers – 3 members have asked to be on committees. The board will speak to them about this.

Nominations Committee – If a member of the nominations committee will be stepping down, we will need someone to replace them.

ADJOURN – 8:35 PM * Terry motioned to adjourn. Joy seconded. Motion carried.