

AEA-BOD Meeting Minutes Thursday May 10, 2018

Call To Order – 6:00 pm

Moment of Silence -

Roll Call - Terry Turner, Joylene Reavis, Andy Martin, JoAnna Stinar, Brian Smith and Dennis Anderson
Jay Winslow – Absent

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Actions Taken Since Last Meeting – Approval of a new AEA Member. * Joy motioned to accept Nanette Gutgsell as new AEA members. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

AEA Phone Report – Only a few calls this past month about emu oil. A few members called about having trouble logging in to new website's Members Only section.

2018 Convention –

Emu Meat for Banquet – The hotel has been contacted about serving emu meat at the Banquet. The chef will meet in June to discuss the emu meat further.

Speakers -

Trevor Peterson – How **new tax laws** would impact emu farmers

ET&T – Ruth Ann Replogle - “**Search Engine Optimization (SEO)**”

IQBIOTECH.us - **DNA sex testing company specializing in birds**. Terry will make contact to confirm their speaking session.

Paul Binford speaking about “**Feed, Oil Quality & Restrictions on Drugs Given Before Slaughter**”.

Dennis Anderson talk about **shipping emus and during processing**”.

Ngon Ngyen will talk about **Alpha Gal Allergy** and give an update on **Meat Sales & Marketing**

Scheduling - Carolyn Palo is working on scheduling speakers.

Welcome Night comedian (30 minute show) - Mick McKenna has been scheduled for 30 minutes during the Welcome Night starting at 7:30 pm.

Classes - Will talk to the egg artist and let us know more information on her demonstration for Thursday evening at 7 pm. This must be settled soon. Press release needs to go out to both members and locals once all information is known.

Farm Tour – A list (timeline) of what will be done during the tour, what the menu will be and the AEA's cost for lunch will be made. Lunch will be burgers on buns, with chips and condiments. There are volunteers to help with the meal and tables if needed.

Buses - The bill for the 2 A/C buses has been forwarded to the treasurer and the bookkeeper and has been paid.

Donations – Donated materials to be sent to Jay Winslow.

2018 AEA Convention Committees (Chairperson listed first) ---

1.) **Convention co-chairs** – *Terry / Joy / Jay*

2.) **Hotel Liaison** – *Joy / Jay*

- 3.) **Registration – Brian / JoAnna / Terry / Susan numbers**
- Problem with website registration is making it difficult for members to register.
- 4.) **Banquet & Welcome Night Coordinator (with Entertainment if needed) - Terry / JoAnna / Jay**
– Meal choices need to be finalized.
- 5.) **Speaker / Classes Coordinator – Andy / Brian / AEA BOD**
- Done
- 6.) **Decorations / Speaker Gifts - Terry / JoAnna / JaAnna Winslow**
- Terry will talk to Susan about possibly using items that were previously donated for the Silent Auction.
- 7.) **Awards – Dennis / Andy**
- Dennis & Andy have talked, will make a choice and have the awards made.
- 8.) **Funding Coordinator - JoAnna / Carolyn / Jay / Andy**
- JoAnna reports that she has received several notices to be sending donations.
- 9.) **Program Booklet – Joy / Dennis / ET&T**
- Carolyn will give schedule and speaker bios to ET&T. JoAnna will give any add copy to ET&T.
- 10.) **Exhibit/Booth Coordinator – JoAnna / ET&T**
- 11.) **Silent/Live Auction & Raffle – Brian / Jay / JoAnna**
- 12.) **Welcome Bags – Terry / Brian**
- Brian will get some wrapped candies for the Welcome Bags.
- 13.) **Egg Art Contest – N/A for 2017**
- 14.) **Promotion & Advertising – Andy / Joy / ET&T / Jay**
- Joy will contact Greensboro Tourism Bureau once all information is received to distribute press releases..
- 15.) **Tourism - Terry / Andy**
- 16.) **T-Shirts – N/A for 2017**
- 17.) **Audio/Visual – JoAnna /**
- JoAnna will look at the Audio Visual listing from the hotel and determine what we will need. Joy will pass this information on to the hotel.

2018 July Convention Guest Rooms - The number of rooms needed for the board members has been given to the hotel.

2019 Convention – Joy went over the hotel proposal she recommends with the board.

* Brian motioned to accept the Embassy Suites Hotel - Phoenix/Tempe, Arizona, proposal for the September 13-15, 2019 AEA Convention. Andy seconded. motion Carried.

Oil Committee Report – Nothing since last meeting. Oil committee will meet in the next week or so.

Nominations Committee –

2018 Election Time line

- ***Deadline for ballots to be received back from members is 30 days prior to the Meeting (June 13).***
Terry will call ET&T before our June 14th meeting to see if they have the results of the election.
- ***Deadline for Chairman of the Nominating Committee to be notified of results - 25 days prior to the Meeting (June 18).***

New Website – Convention registration and Members Only section, including log-in are not working and are being worked on. The board agrees to pay the web builder 1/3 now with the remainder to be paid, once the website is finished and working properly.

Newsletter Status - March/April newsletter will be ready to proof in a few days.

Indemnity Program - Put information from last meeting on Members Page.

US Fish & Wildlife Service Export Regulations – Looking into having emus removed from the I.U.C.N. List of Threatened Species. Emus are currently on the list of least concern. Nothing new to report.

Tariffs for Importing Emu Oil & Emu Meat – New board needs to discuss further.

DNA Alternative - Nothing to report at this time.

Yahoo Groups - Change to other mode? bbPress? Other? New board needs to discuss this.

NEW BUSINESS

Buttons – Brian will make magnetic buttons available at the convention for \$5.00 each with AEA getting half. * Andy motioned to purchase buttons for the board members at cost for \$2.50 each. Joy seconded. Motion carried.

Annual Membership Business Meeting - Put together agenda **including** :

Phone Call from Member - Wants to discuss only American produced emu oil in AEA Certified oil

Website – Problems

Next year new dates – September 13-15

Possible combine Regions 3 + 4,5 and 6 – The reason is that no one from 4 5,6 would run for office.

Board members are asked to think about what else should be discussed.

AEA-BOD yahoo group access problems - With the use of multiple phones, tablets, etc., not all information is getting to board members in a timely manner. A possible solution might be to purge the board email list each year when the new board comes in. A directory of new members should then be made including all emails and preferred phone numbers. The directory should be made available to all board members and the YahooGroups list can then be refilled with the new email addresses.

North Dakota Disbanded – North Dakota members have sent the balance of their treasury to the AEA. They have asked the AEA to move their memberships to the Iowa Emu Association. They have requested 2017 affiliate portion of their dues to be given to the Iowa Emu Association. * Joy motioned to transfer the affiliate portion of the North Dakota members dues going forward to the Iowa Emu Association. Brain seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURN – 7:20 pm – * Brian motioned to adjourn. Joy seconded.
