

AEA-BOD Meeting Minutes ~ Monday ~ June 12, 2017

Call To Order 6:02 pm (central)

Moment of Silence

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

Minutes May 8 - * Carolyn made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Betty Lou seconded. Joy abstained. Motion carried.

Minutes May 23 - * Carolyn made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jay seconded. Joy abstained. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Actions Taken Since Last Meeting – No votes taken.

AEA Phone Report – No report.

Newsletter – The May/June newsletter has gone out. Several members have not received their copies. JoAnna will send those and she will ask if any others did not received their newsletter.

Jay will work with JoAnna compiling an article about the USDA website and information that can be found there, particularly about the upcoming Ag Bill.

Nominations Committee – Terry will contact the nominees with the election outcome.

Oil Committee – The Certified Emu Oil Logo use was discussed by the board. They confirmed that the seal can only be used on Pure Certified Emu Oil. It CANNOT be used on blended products or gel caps due to further processing. JoAnna will add this information to the newsletter.

2017 Convention – Jay will contact catering service and ship emu meat to the hotel chef to experiment cooking with it. Terry will help with menu selection.

A convention attendee has asked about being able to talk “one on one” with Maria Minnaar. Carolyn will talk to Maria. Carolyn will send a copy of the member survey from last year’s convention to be reviewed and added to.

A member made a suggestion of having an online auction so members at home could bid. This would be a major undertaking with at least 2 people necessary to set it up and then updating it for the two days of the convention.

2018 Convention – Final requests were granted for the hotel contract.

New Website – Progress is being made

Non-profit Status – Paperwork has been filed but, Brian reported that it takes 4-6 months for an address change.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes - Future AEA Board Meeting Minutes will be made available to the members once they are approved. Joy released unapproved minutes by mistake and will make sure not to do that again.

There will be a place on the new AEA website where board minutes can be viewed.

Website Listing of Certified Emu oil Companies (?) – This is not a good idea. A list like this would hurt CBMs. There is currently a link on the AEA website where customers can inquire if a company has certified emu oil.

Fish & Game Export Fees – Changing emu status from endangered will be looked into. It would be a daunting task demanding a lot of lobbying and political clout, if it could be done. Exemptions can be made for those who export only a few items. Susan will give her presentation notes to JoAnna for a newsletter article.

Import Regulations – Waiting to see what the new administration does with the current regulations. Jay noted that meat imports are increasing and that some countries are not allowed to export meat to the U.S. unless it is cooked.

Member Emails & Facebook Lists - The AEA-BOD unanimously approved family and business members being included on the AEA YahooGroups Members Email List and the AEA Facebook Group Page.

AEA Membership Lists – It was restated that membership lists are not, and never were, kept secret. The numbers are presented at the AEA Annual Membership Meeting each year. The actual AEA Membership List IS kept confidential for its members privacy and compiling a list of these members for any purpose is a violation of the AEA By-Laws, the AEA Code of Conduct and the AEA Code of Ethics

ADJOURN 7:36 pm * JoAnna motioned to adjourn. Jay seconded. Motion carried