

# **AEA-BOD Meeting Minutes Thursday, Nov 8, 2018**

**Call To Order** – 6:06 PM (central)

**Moment of Silence** -

**Roll Call** – Brian Smith, Joylene Reavis, Jay Winslow, Dennis Anderson, Terry Turner, Andy Martin  
Amy Hall – Absent  
Susan Wright Guest

**Minutes September/October** – \* Dennis motioned to accept the minutes as written. Jay seconded. Joy abstained. Motion carried. No meeting scheduled for October.

**Treasurers Report September/October** - \* Joy motioned to accept the Financial Report as written. Andy seconded. Motion carried. No meeting scheduled for October.

**ACTIONS TAKEN Since Last BOD Meeting** -

1.) \* Amy motioned to renew the AEA ad in Backyard Poultry for one year. Joy seconded. Motion approved. Andy not present to vote.

2.) \* Joy made a motion to approve Yvonne Henderson as a non-voting membership. Amy seconded. Motion approved. Andy not present to vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Bookkeeping Compensation** - The board recommends revisiting the bookkeeper's compensation amount annually in September.

**Medical Insurance For AEA Members** - "Could Medical Insurance be made available to AEA members as a group insurance?" Insurance cannot be purchased across state lines.

**2019 Convention BOD Days** - At 2019 convention the BOD will meet Thursday through Sunday.

**2019 Convention Speakers** - Several speakers were discussed. Subject carried to next meeting.

**Arizona Membership Drive** – Convention announcement will go out to neighboring state publications.

**Venue for 2020 Convention or Future Conventions** –Where should the 2020 convention be held? We need ideas.

**Responding To BOD Emails** - Bod members asked to please let us know, if you will be "Out of Pocket" for a few days.

**BOD Communications - Yahoo & Discord** - BOD members asked to list ALL there emails.

**Discord Discussion Board** – All BOD members are also on the Discord list. The board will try this out for a bit to see how everyone likes it. To be discussed further at next meeting.

**Dates for 2018/2019 AEA-BOD Meetings** - All current board meetings have been listed. Please recheck schedules and let us know, if a reschedule is necessary.

**Committee Reports** -

**AEA Phone** – Very few calls. One gentleman interested in information on raising emus.

**AEA Newsletter** – Sept/Oct newsletter has been sent. Nov/Dec newsletter needs a few items. A list of things that are needed has been sent..

**AEA Website Update** – There was a meeting with the website designer to fix several problems with the website. Some items can still not be posted. The By-Laws and the Policy & Procedures manual have been updated and posted in the “Members only” section.

**Oil Committee** - Oil committee meeting is scheduled for November 24 at 7 pm CST. A lawyer who works with non-profits has been found to comment on Certified Emu Oil Program. Her rate is \$250.00 per hour. In order to start work with her she would need an engagement letter and \$250.00. \* Andy motioned to engage this lawyer and revisit the cost, if it reaches \$2,000.00. Jay seconded. Motion carried.

**Country of Origin Sticker** - (“Grown in USA”) labels are another option for use by members. Joy mentioned that a printing company could be found who would deal with members directly. This type of sticker would allow growers to identify their emu oil as “Grown in the USA”. It was noted that over 45,000 gallons of foreign emu oil was brought into the US in 2017.

**YahooGroups Board List - Outgoing BOD Members** - The AEA BOD List availability for outgoing BOD members will end November 10. A new moderator for the YahooGroups AEA BOD list has been listed.

**Tariffs for Importing Emu Oil and Emu Meat** - BOD agreed that this should go to emu meat committee and oil committee for further discussion. No meetings scheduled at this time.

**Thank You Notes for Convention Donors and Helpers** - Need a list of donors, addresses and donations in order to send thank you cards.

**Personal Hotel Charges** - All personal room charges from the 2018 convention have been paid by BOD members.

**Pet Emu Owners** - Pros & cons were discussed.

**Livestock of the America.com** - They are looking for an additional member of their advisory board with regards to emu farming. The board will revisit this.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**New International Membership Application** --- \* Joy motioned to approve Wang Zhias a non-voting member. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

**New Member Application** - \* Joy motioned to approve Barbara Dominesey as a voting member. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

**Nominations** – Convention and annual membership meeting will be 2 months later this year than what it has been in the past. Discuss at January meeting.

**3 year Membership / \$275.00** – Not listed in all application places. Also, 3 year membership members do not receive annual renewal packets so, some new inserts or information might be missed. Further discussion at January meeting.

**ADJOURN** – 7:19 PM (central) \* Brian motioned to adjourn. Joy seconded. Motion carried.