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**2020 AEA Convention**  
**CANCELLED**  
**Huntsville, AL**

### **AEA Annual Membership Meeting Newsletter**

Inside this newsletter you will find -

- 1.) 2020 AEA Annual Membership Meeting Agenda
- 2.) Annual Financial Report Summary
- 3.) Minutes from last year's meeting
- 4.) Live Emus **Wanted** or **For Sale**

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic the 2020 Annual AEA Convention was cancelled. In place of the annual membership meeting a video is being made of the meeting agenda with complete explanations of each item.

This video will be available to view **by September 30th** in the MEMBERS ONLY section of the **AEA website**, [www.aea-emu.org](http://www.aea-emu.org).

All members are encouraged to **submit any questions they have to [info@aea-emu.org](mailto:info@aea-emu.org)** so answers can be included in the November newsletter along with the complete minutes of the video meeting.

If you have forgotten your password, click on "**Forgot Password**" and a key will be emailed to you. You can login with the key and change your password then.

If you have never logged in before, you may need to have an invitation sent to you. To **request an "AEA Members Area" invitation**, contact:

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Once you are able to open the AEA Members Area, I suggest visiting it often to look over the information that is stored there for members only. New information will be added on a regular basis, so login from time to time

### **HINT**

Once you get your password, I recommend that you write down the website alphabetically along with the password, in an address book or a rolodex file for easy access when you need it again.

### **MEMBERS ONLY Section ACCESS**

To access the Members Only section, click on "**AEA Members Area**" link at the bottom of the Home Page in the **left hand column**. If you have already set-up an account fill-in your user name or email address and your password. →



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**Stay an emu away.**

### **BREEDERS LIST**

**The Breeders List will once again be offered to members at no cost** for 2020. If you sell emu chicks yearlings or breeder pairs, add your farm to this FREE listing. This is the first place people look for emus on the AEA website.

**Discount for Veterans** - The AEA is offering a 10% annual membership discount to veterans and current military personnel with verification required. New & renewing members will be eligible for this discount. For more information contact [info@aea-emu.org](mailto:info@aea-emu.org)

## Membership Meeting Agenda 9-30-20

The agenda items will be discussed in the video available on the AEA Members Area by September 30. Submit any question to [info@aea-emu.org](mailto:info@aea-emu.org)

### Call to Order -

Introduction of 2020-2021 officers and board members (insert BOD videos)

Minutes 7-14-19 - Available in newsletter and in MEMBERS ONLY area  
[www.aea-emu.org](http://www.aea-emu.org)

AEA Financial Report - Available in newsletter and in MEMBERS ONLY area  
[www.aea-emu.org](http://www.aea-emu.org)

### New Members -

Change in Convention Date - Bylaw vote was passed to allow canceling an in-person convention when there is an emergency. Discussion

Certified Oil Paperwork requirements - Discussion.

CBM Program - Discussion

Website - Update

Nominations for next year - Discussion

Committee Volunteers - Member volunteers are needed for the following committees:

- Ag/Legislative -
- Awards -
- Financial/Budget -
- By-Laws/Parliamentarian -
- Emu Oil Certification & Batch Numbers -
- AEA Certified Emu Oil Program & Trade Rule Committee -
- Research & Grants -
- Internet & Technology (I.T.) -
- Convention -
- Meat -
- Membership -
- Newsletter -
- Nominations -
- Phone for AEA -
- Public Relations -

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(Public Relations) Sub Committee -

National Emu Week (N.E.W.) -

Promotions & Advertising -

• Standards -

\* Board Assistant -

To join a committee send an email to [info@aea-emu.org](mailto:info@aea-emu.org) or contact one of the AEA board members.

Newsletter - Update

Facebook AEA Members Network & YahooGroups lists - Discussion. Contact [info@aea-emu.org](mailto:info@aea-emu.org) to join..

NEW! AEA Member Zoom Meetings - This is a work in process. To request invitations to future meetings contact [gofarm2020@outlook.com](mailto:gofarm2020@outlook.com).

Meat Processing instruction DVD for processors - Discussion

Emu Egg Nutrition Label Information - Research is done. Difficulty getting on USDA nutritional database. Still pursuing it. FoodData Central <https://fdc.nal.usda.gov/> (still not listed 9-13-2020)

New Projects - Discussion

AEA Office - Susan Wright at, 510 W Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, [susan-wright@aea-emu.org](mailto:susan-wright@aea-emu.org).

COVID -19 - Discussion

Member Communication - Discussion

## RESEARCH

G. R.A.S. (Generally Recognized As Safe) - Update

A Human Oil Study - Update



**AEA  
T-shirts**

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## WEB INQUIRY REPORT

The **Live Bird Requests** are sent out to the members by these two electronic venues—**Facebook** and the **YahooGroups Email List**.

**If you are not signed up, you will NOT receive these contact opportunities along with many shared educational and business information ideas between members.**



If you cannot find your invitation by email in your junk mail/spam folder for the **Yahoo Groups AEA Members List**, contact Amy Hall, [gofarm2020@outlook.com](mailto:gofarm2020@outlook.com).

For the **Facebook AEA Members Only Network** page, contact Brian Smith, [snakeman52006@hotmail.com](mailto:snakeman52006@hotmail.com).

## WANTED

Less than 5 **emu eggs or chicks up to 1 year old**. Mariah Blackburn, Warden WA (509) 237-2504 [riah8182@gmail.com](mailto:riah8182@gmail.com)

Less than 5 **emu chicks from 3 months to 2 years old**. Leanne Sarkisian, Hebron KY, (859) 240-3229 [lsarkisian@answersingenesis.org](mailto:lsarkisian@answersingenesis.org)

1 **female emu for lonely male**. Perry Pirsch, Omaha, NE [perry@nebraskabusiness.legal](mailto:perry@nebraskabusiness.legal)

Less than 5 **just hatched emu chicks**. Andrea Knight, Wharton, OH, (419) 575-8709 [andreanightwithak@gmail.com](mailto:andreanightwithak@gmail.com)

Less than 5 **just hatched emu chicks up to yearlings or breeders**. Terena Thomas, Gypsum, CO (970) 524-1440 [terena@caninecountryschool.com](mailto:terena@caninecountryschool.com)

Less than 5 **just hatched emu chicks**. Helena Yardley, Lyons, CO (941) 928-3233 [Helena.yardley@gmail.com](mailto:Helena.yardley@gmail.com)

## FOR SALE

1 **bonded pair, 6 yr. old and 2 yearling male chicks**. Nancy Antonson, Forrest Lake, MN (651)808-3083 [lmartinson@northlakesacademy.org](mailto:lmartinson@northlakesacademy.org)

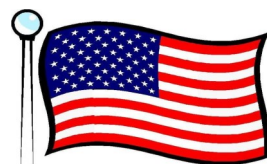
## AEA Emu T-shirts (picture page 2)

These attention getting t-shirts from 2019 featuring “Drummer”, our mascot contest winner, are available from the AEA for \$15.00 + shipping.

For more information or to order contact Brian Smith, [snakeman52006@hotmail.com](mailto:snakeman52006@hotmail.com)

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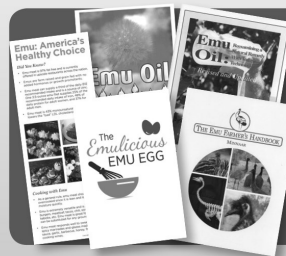


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**Annual Financial Report**

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Business Member Income	
CBM Dues	3,900.00
Total Business Member Income	3,900.00
Convention Income	
Booklet Ad	0.00
Registration	3,290.00
Sponsorship / Donation	1,950.00
Vendor / Exhibitors	100.00
Total Convention Income	5,340.00
Emu Oil Program Income	
CEOP Management Fees	9,093.16
Total Emu Oil Program Income	9,093.16
Fundraising Income	
Live Auction Income	164.00
Misc Income	1,430.75
Silent Auction Income	421.00
Total Fundraising Income	2,015.75
Membership Income	
Member Dues	6,900.00
Total Membership Income	6,900.00
Other Types of Income	
Advertising Sales	50.00
Total Other Types of Income	50.00
Total Income	27,298.91
Gross Profit	27,298.91
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Fees	
Merchant Account Fees	649.95
Bank Fees - Other	8.00
Total Bank Fees	657.95
Fundraising Expense	2,153.62
Industry/Trade Expenses	
Industry/Trade Membership Dues	1,020.00
Total Industry/Trade Expenses	1,020.00
Membership Expense	
Ballot Expense	86.33
Newsletter	54.79
Renewal Notices	124.25
Welcome Kits	205.55
Total Membership Expense	470.92
Operation Expense	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	149.00
Postage, Mailing Service	84.04
Printing and Copying	568.55
Supplies	11.68
Telephone, Telecommunications	268.96
Total Operation Expense	1,082.23
Other Types of Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	361.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	1,056.00
Other Costs	56.45
Total Other Types of Expenses	1,473.45
Payments to Affiliates	1,525.00
Professional Service Expense	
Bookkeeping Services	4,392.00
Outside Contract Services	6.30
Web Site Development	9,439.50
Total Professional Service Expense	13,837.80
Travel and Meetings Expenses	
AEA Convention Expense	
Awards & Gifts	74.90
Dinner/M meal/Food/Beverage	3,886.00
Facility/Meeting Rooms	131.42
Speakers/Presenters/Entertainer	1,200.00
Supplies/Rentals	954.81
Travel Expense	378.96
Total AEA Convention Expense	6,626.09

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Board Meeting Expense	
Board Member Hotel Rooms	3,257.76
Travel Reimbursement	5,188.56
Total Board Meeting Expense	8,446.32
Mileage Reimbursement	87.00
Other Meetings	24.95
Total Travel and Meetings Expenses	15,184.36
Web Site Expense	713.10
Total Expense	38,118.43
Net Ordinary Income	-10,819.52
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
Investment Income	
Dividend Income	474.92
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	1.06
Total Investment Income	475.98
Total Other Income	475.98
Net Other Income	475.98
Net Income	-10,343.54

**AEA Research Financial Report**

Jun 2019-May 2020

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	41.20
Total Investments	41.20
Total Income	41.20
<b>Expense</b>	
Research Expense	624.20
Total Expense	624.20
Net Ordinary Income	-583.00
Net Income	-583.00

**Explanataion of Loss 5-31-19-5-31-20****AEA General Funds May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 - checking & Saving - \$ 148,990.47May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 - checking & Saving - \$ 138,259.71**- \$ 10,730.76**

**Reasons for Loss** - Cost of new website; convention travel reimbursement up last year; less emu oil being refined for Emu Oil Program fees; membership & CBM income down.

**AEA Research**May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 - checking & Saving - \$ 12,521.44May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 - checking & Saving - \$ 11,938.44**- \$ 583.00**

**Reasons for Loss** - Research costs.

## 2019 Membership Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order** - 3:30 pm

**Convention Attendees** - 29# Registered Guests

**New Members in attendance** -4 (Tabor's & Vito's)

**Minutes 7-14-19** - \* Gary Smith motioned to accept the minutes as written. Paul Pluss seconded. Motion carried.

**AEA Financial Report** - The entire year's financial reports were made available for members to look through. Certified oil income - Last year \$11,815.67 came in through oil certification. A member asked if the state affiliates could get a portion of this oil certification money. BOD explained why the program was started and how the money is earmarked for possible legal fees, if needed.

**Change in Convention Date** - Discussed for future conventions beyond 2020. Most attendees wanted to keep the annual convention. A survey of members will need to be done.

**Discuss Foreign Emu oil as it relates to Certification** - The BOD spent a lot of time investigating this. The Emu Oil Trade Rules state that these rules apply worldwide.

**Certified Oil Paperwork requirements** - Emphasized that all paperwork must be done in order to use the AEA Certified Oil logo.

**CBM Program** - How it works and benefits explained.

**Website** - Expect changes as website needs updating and completion.

**Nominations for next year** - The AEA needs people to run for the board of directors. Next year we will need someone from regions 4, 5 or 6 to run for that regional director

**Committee volunteers** - More volunteers are needed.

**Thank you to volunteers from last year** - All volunteers are appreciated.

**Newsletter** - JoAnna Stinar has been getting the newsletters out.

**Facebook and Yahoo lists** - Members are urged to join in order to receive information as it becomes available.

**Meat Processing instruction DVD for processors** - Brian is working on this project but, he needs volunteers to work on it this year.

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**Emu Egg Nutrition Label Information** - Difficulty getting on USDA nutritional database. Still pursuing it.

**Thoughts & Concerns** - Members are encouraged to let the AEA Directors know if there is anything they need that the board could help with. Egg Nutritional Data and Processing Video projects were suggestions from members.

## RESEARCH

**G. R.A.S. (Generally Recognized As Safe)** - A new person is needed to submit paperwork

**A Human Oil Study trial is in process** - A few more months until it will be completed.

**Ag Census** - Emu farms and populations remained stable since the 2012 census. December is a bad month for accurate emu counts. Process birds are gone and the winter chicks have not hatched yet.

Maria Minnaar has information on changes.

**ADJOURNED** 5:11 pm \* Tony motioned to adjourn. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

The AEA Board of Directors is doing its best to keep the members informed. A complete summary of the video meeting will be published in the next AEA newsletter that should arrive near the end of October.

Following is **Section 3.4 of the AEA Bylaws** with the **the new addition in RED**:

### Section 3.4 Meetings:

**A.** The Annual Meeting of the Members shall be held in conjunction with the Association's annual convention (or symposium), which shall be held at such place in the United States and at such time as may be specified by resolution of the Board and designated in the notice of the meeting.

**1.** "If circumstances are such that an annual convention cannot be held, directors and members may participate in an annual membership meeting held by email, a video, a virtual meeting, a telephone conference or similar communication venue.

**B.** Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the Board or by written request to the Association from ten percent (10%) of the voting Membership.

**1.** The meeting shall be called by the President and

**2.** Notice shall be sent within fifteen (15) days after the request is made.

**3.** Each special meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be specified by resolution of the Board and designated in the notice of the meeting.

**4.** Notice of each special meeting shall describe the purpose of the meeting. No other business may be considered at such meeting.

## CONVENTION CANCELLATION & AEA BY-LAWS ADDITION

Because of the highly contagious COVID-19 virus, the American Emu Association (AEA) board of directors voted to cancel this year's September convention for the health and well being of our attendees. The Marriott Hotel has generously forgiven any cancellation penalties that were due at that time.

A video recap of the agenda is being given rather than a face to face meeting. In order to do that, we needed to **add a paragraph to the AEA Bylaws** to allow it. The AEA Bylaws stated that an annual membership meeting must be held each year at the annual convention.

Through a membership vote that was sent by mail to members in June this was passed and now allows a membership meeting without members being in physical attendance.

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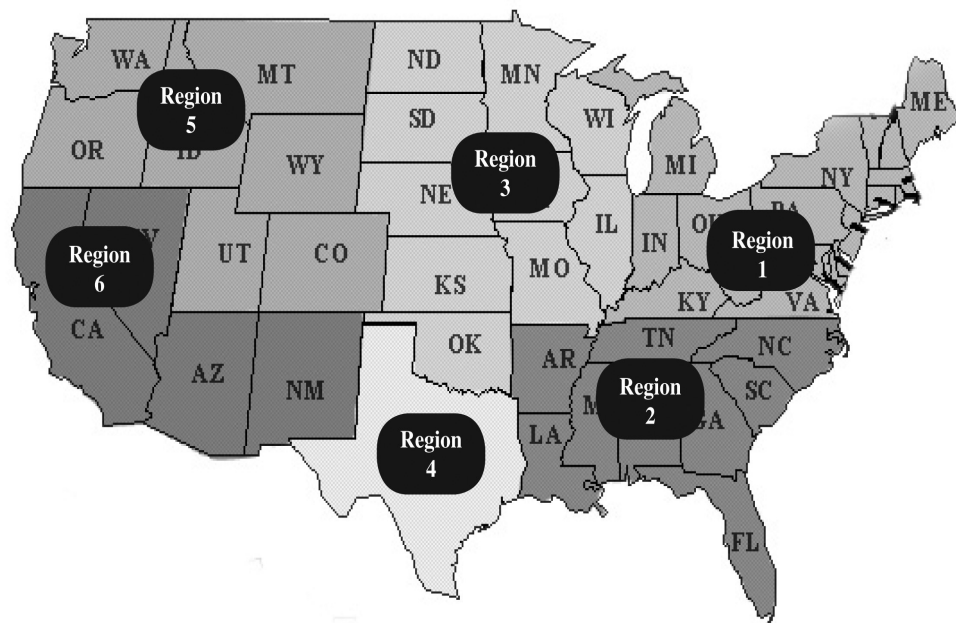
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