

AEA-BOD Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2020

Call To Order - 6:50 pm (central)

Moment of Silence

Roll Call - Terry Turner, Joylene Reavis, Dennis Anderson, Andy Martin, Amy Hall
Absent - Jay Winslow and Brian Smith

Minutes - * Andy motioned to accept the minutes as written. Dennis seconded. Joy abstained. Motion carried.

Financial Report - * Dennis motioned to accept the minutes as written. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

April 09, 2020 Meeting - Cancelled due to telephone connection difficulties. A new supplier has been found.

These three items were voted on by email in lieu of 4-09-20 meeting

1.) **Cancel Convention** - * Joy motions to cancel this year's convention with no cancellations penalties due to COvid-19 virus. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

2.) **ByLaws Addition** - (see proposed change below) * Joy motions to move ahead with adding sub-paragraph 1. to Section 3.4, Paragraph A - "If circumstances are such that an annual convention cannot be held, directors and members may participate in an annual membership meeting held by telephone conference or similar communication equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other." Andy seconded. Motion carried.

3.) **Current CBMs Discount** - * Joy motions to give current CBMs a \$50.00 discount, if they prepay for the year, when renewing their CBM annual fee due to slower sales caused by the COVID-19. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

Actions Taken Since last BOD Meeting 4-09-20

1.) *Joy motioned to approve a new AEA membership. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

2.) *Joy motioned to approve a new AEA membership. Amy seconded. Motion carried.

Suggested that board members contact the new members to make sure they are doing OK.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Oil Committee - Meeting not held due to conference phone problems. Non-compliant companies are being worked with. Referred to LB Processors for clear emu oil question.

AEA Phone - Question about Desert Palms emu oil. Several asking about emu chicks. Will send information that given to people who ask about finding chicks. A member asked how to get on the Members pages.

Meat Committee - Talking to Heritage Processors, Little Rock, Arkansas, about possibly processing emus.

Website – Items submitted have been taken care of. Board asked to look at website, www.aea-emu.org, report any changes or additions.

Nomination Committee - Actively seeking nominees for Region 1&2, Region 4,5&6 and two At-Large Directors.

2020 ELECTION TIMELINE

1.) **Call for nominations** - no later than 156 days prior to the Annual Member Meeting September 11).
April 8. Announce in Jan/Feb Newsletter.

Call for nominations is emailed to the email lists on or by April 1, and in the next newsletter BEFORE April 8, announcing that nominations are currently open.

2.) Nominations must be received by AEA 60 days later. May 31. Bios are then written by those who have said they are willing to run.

3.) Deadline for mailing of ballots to the members shall be 75 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (on or before June 28)

4.) Deadline for ballots to be received back from members is 30 days prior to the Meeting. August 12.

5.) Deadline for Chairman of the Nominating Committee to be notified of results - 25 days prior to the Meeting. August 17

AEA Newsletter - Next newsletter is scheduled to be sent July 1st. Need articles by June 15th. Suggested topics are Nominations/Election, Annual meeting ideas, "How To" articles, Arkansas processor possibility, etc.

USDA Processing Video - Nothing to report at this time. Plants are not open to filming in their facilities. Will transfer AEA's USDA Manual into PDF so that it can be reviewed for accuracy, when it is found.

AEA Bylaws Addition - The board was asked to make the following changes to last month's motion to add sub-paragraph 1. To the AEA Bylaws Section 3.4, Paragraph A - "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 equipment. ~~by which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other.~~" Changes approved by all board members.

This will be added to the election ballot to be voted on by the membership. Ballots will be sent out before June 28th.

2020 Convention Committee

Annual Membership Meeting - Suggested a YouTube video going over all agenda items that can be uploaded to the AEA Website's Members Pages. Agenda can be sent out in the September 1st newsletter and members can submit questions. Board needs to decide on a date for the meeting to be posted on the website.

Convention Board Meeting - Suggested to add Thursday, September 10th to the already scheduled pre-convention meeting on Thursday, September 3rd, to cover items normally discussed at the convention.

2019-2020 AEA-BOD Meeting Dates – THURSDAY - 2nd Week of the Month

7:00 pm (eastern) ~ 6:00 pm (central) ~ 5:00 pm (mountain) ~ 4:00 pm (pacific)

Backyard Poultry Ad Renewal Cost \$60.00 - Tabled until full board is present.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID-19 Effects On The Emu Industry - Many activities have been cancelled including Farmers Markets, On-farm Tours, Fairs, Festivals, etc. How is this affecting our members?

ADJOURN - 7:38 pm (central) * Amy motioned to adjourn. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.