

AEA-BOD Meeting Minutes June 11, 2020

Call To Order - 6:45 pm (central)

Moment of Silence

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

* Joy motioned to excuse Brian from the last meeting. Amy Seconded. Motion carried.

* Brian motioned to excuse Jay from the last meeting. Joy Seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes - * Dennis motioned to accept the minutes as written. Amy Seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report - * Brian motioned to accept the financial report as written. Joy Seconded. Motion carried.

ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST BOD MEETING 4-09-20 - * Joy Motioned to Approve a non-voting AEA membership. Amy Seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Oil Committee - They met and are working to clean up old problems.

AEA Phone - Nothing at this time.

Meat Committee - Nothing at this time.

Website - Finished except for changes or additions. If any are found, send these items to Jay.

Nomination Committee - There are 4 people on the ballot: - **Region 4, 5 & 6** - Daryl Connite; **At-Large** - Amy Hall, Brian Smith, Jay Winslow and Kymara Lonergan. Ballot has been completed.

We still need some information for the BIO pages.

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 Bylaws Addition - The following has been placed on the election ballot to be voted on (yes or no - whether to add or not) by the membership. Ballots will be sent out before June 28th.

Add Sub-paragraph 1, 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 any similar communication venue."*

AEA Newsletter - July/August newsletter is scheduled to be sent before June 20th, just prior to the ballots being received. Articles are needed by June 15th. Topics received for newsletter: Emu Farming Notes; Nominations/Election; Answer to where to find emu chicks; Emu Oil for Dry Hands, Mask Acne and Irritations; Answer for Where to Find Emu Chicks; List of Live birds wanted: AEA Items For Sale; President's Message; ???

Suggested topics for this or future newsletters are: Annual meeting information; Arkansas processor possibility. "How To" articles, i.e., Shipping emu meat; shipping fat. An article on COVID-19 cancellation of activities and the impact on the emu industry: Amy's emu meat videos; Explaining the Oil program; Reasons to be an AEA member; Ad Day Guidelines; Others???

We need an AEA logo product that can be listed for sale for each newsletter Picture and cost needed. Will send this weekend.

September/October newsletter deadline is August 15th.

USDA Processing Video - Plants are not receptive to video taping in their facilities. If we can find a copy of the AEA's USDA Processing Manual, it will be transferred into PDF, so that it can be reviewed for accuracy. Tabled for now.

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.

What about Presidents & CBM Meetings - It was suggested a letter be sent asking for input from presidents and CBMs. Answers can be incorporated into members meeting.

Convention Board Meeting - It was 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 - 7:40 pm (eastern) - 6:40 pm (central) - 5:40 pm (mountain) - 4:40 pm (pacific)

Thursday, July 9
Thursday, August 13

Thursday, September 3
Thursday, September 10

Backyard Poultry Ad Renewal Cost \$60.00 - After discussion, it was decided not to advertise in this magazine.

NEW BUSINESS

“The Emu: An Evolving Agri-business” Brochure - BOD members were sent a pdf copy of this brochure, a glossy, full page brochure (4 pages) about raising emus. It is titled "**The Emu: An Evolving Agri-business**". It was produced 23 years ago by the Texas Emu Association and printed Feb. of 1997. This is a full size 4 page brochure. It is meant to be printed on 11x17" paper and then folded in half. It needs to be revised.

ADJOURN - 7-14 pm (central) * Amy motioned to adjourn. Brian seconded. Motion carried.
