

American British White Park Association
Annual Board of Director Meeting
Saturday, January 25th, 2025

The Board of Director's meeting of the American British White Park Association was held Saturday, January 25th, 2025 via Google meetings. President Larry Fedler called the meeting to order at 9:00 (CST). Fedler took a moment and thanked the outgoing board members and to welcome the new board members.

Present:

President... Larry Fedler
Vice President... Merrie Nimmer
Secretary... Megan Hockerman
Director... Emily Aderman - Absent
Director... Mark Brower
Director... Morgan Brumbaugh
Director... John Martin
Director... Rick Stockhill
Director... Kyle Stockton - Absent
Executive Secretary... Emily Bevins

Also Present: Sarah Smith; Michael Hahn; Dave Slater; Michael Todd; Kyra Lehman

Stockhill, second by Nimmer, made a motion to approve the Agenda. **MC**

Brower, second by Martin, made a motion to approve Board of Director Meeting Minutes from 1/27/2024. **MC**

Martin, second by Stockhill, made a motion to approve the Reorganization Meeting Minutes from 1/22/2025. **MC**

Stockhill, second by Nimmer, made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for 2024. **MC**

Clear old AR & Credits – discussion, make another attempt to collect on delinquent accounts/ table until next meeting

Committee Reports:

- I. Membership – E. Bevins
 - a. Review of Membership – Bevins reviewed printed membership reports. Total membership for the end of 2024 was 437.
 - b. Review Registrations & Transfers – Bevins reviewed printed reports. It was reported that 981 animals were registered and 647 were transferred in 2024.
Discussion: Hockerman suggested Membership/Registration/Transfer reports should be published in the White Park Journal for membership to see the growth of the association from year to year.
 - c. Journal and Breeders Guide – tabled until new business.
 - d. Membership Directory (website) – discussion update monthly.
 - e. British White of America transfers – reported 34 head were transferred into the ABWPA registry in 2024.
- II. Promotion & Marketing – Megan Hockerman, Sarah Smith & Jennifer Rath
 - a. Logo (rebrand) – tabled until next meeting
- III. Shows & Sales – Kevin Wolf & Michael Hahn
 - a. New York State Fair (M. Hahn) – (23 Head shown/ 9 Farms represented)
 - b. World Beef Expo (K. Beck) – (32 Head shown/11 Farms represented)
 1. 2025 National Show (Open/Junior)
 2. 2025 Annual Membership meeting & Banquet
 - c. Minnesota Beef Expo (J. Olson) – (16 Head shown/ 16 Youth Represented from 5 states) Jodi Olson provided a written statement (filed with minutes). No show scheduled for 2025.

- d. KILE/ National Show (K. Lehman) – (12 Head shown/ 4 Farms represented) Lehman gave a report. Lehman looking into what it would take to establish a junior show.
- e. Cattlemen’s Congress (J. Martin & S. Smith) – (44 Head shown/ 15 Farms represented)
 - 1. Martin reported 167 plates were served at the Banquet; 18 states, Australia & Mexico represented.
- f. Percentage Classes (S. Smith) – tabled until next meeting
- g. Report on Feeder Calf Sales & Breed Sales (K. Wolf) – Fedler, reported both spring and fall feeder sales were strong.
- h. Funding for 2025 shows: Martin, second by Stockhill, made a motion to approve funding appropriated below.

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New York State Fair	\$500.00
World Beef Expo – National	\$1000.00
World Beef Expo – Junior National	\$2500.00
Keystone International Livestock Show	\$500.00
Minnesota Beef Expo	\$0.00
Cattlemen’s Congress	\$500.00

- i. National Show Banners – Martin, second by Stockhill to purchase banners for the 2024 & 2025 National Show. Mail banners to 2024 recipients. **MC**
- j. Premier Breeder & Herdsman Award (M. Hockerman) – table until next meeting.
- k. Free Heifer Program – table until next meeting
 - 1. Nimmer, second by Brower to amend rules: Junior membership is required to be eligible for program.

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- l. Consistent Guidelines for all breed shows (S. Smith) – tabled until next meeting
 - 1. Open & Junior Division
 - 2. Bred & Owned Division
 - 3. Percentage Division

IV. Performance Data & Carcass Data – Mike Todd & Morgan Brumbaugh

- a. Steer Carcass Futurity – No Report
- b. DNA Testing – Todd continues to collect DNA data on his herd, attempting to eliminate non-desirable traits while improving others. Using this data to make selections on which heifers and bulls he should retain. Todd strongly urging the board of directors to encourage membership to DNA herds, especially bulls.

V. Rules and Regulations – Larry Fedler

- a. 2025 Semen Directory – keep website updated
- b. Breed-Up Program – tabled until next meeting
- c. Proposed Rule Change – tabled until next meeting/ include with show & sales
 - 1. Pictures with registration – discussion, no action taken.
 - 2. EPDS/ Herd Book Creation (S. Smith) – discussion, tabled until next meeting.

VI. Nominating Committee – Larry, Mike Todd & Mark Brower

(3 year terms/ 2 consecutive terms)

- b. 2025 Larry Fedler; Merrie Nimmer; Kyle Stockton (L. Fedler in 2nd term)
- c. 2026 Emily Aderman; Mark Brower; Megan Hockerman (Aderman & Brower 2nd term)
- d. 2027 Morgan Brumbaugh; John Martin; Rick Stockhill
- e. Timeline: tabled until next meeting
 - 1. Profiles
 - 2. Ballots
 - 3. Notification to candidates

VII. Website/Technology – Dave Slater

- a. Website Review – Slater reported that at this point no major modifications at this time.
- b. Computer & Software – Bevins researching back up options – tabled until next month

- VIII. Youth Committee Chair – Megan Hockerman, Sarah Smith & Jodi Olson
 - a. Scholarship for 2024 & 2025 – (4) scholarship recipients in 2024 & opening scholarships up for 2025
 - b. Youth Sponsorship Program – tabled until next meeting
 - 4. Cattle camp
 - 5. Exchange program
 - c. Segregation of Junior/Youth funds – Bevins will work with bank to establish conjoined savings account.
 - 1. Auction proceeds (~4720.00)
 - 2. Spirit Rally funds (~461.00)
 - d. Recommendation Additional Members to committee: Linda Willis; Megan Saunders & Kristi Rich

Unfinished Business:

- I. Ability to pay online & Online Animal look up: Brower, second by Nimmer to approve 'Email me' software purchase of \$700.00. **MC**

New Business:

- I. 2024 Committee Appointments:
 - a. Nomination to Performance & Carcass Data – Morgan Brumbaugh
 - b. Nomination to the Youth Committee – Linda Willis; Megan Saunders & Kristi Rich
- II. Hall of Fame Nominee
 - a. Two nominations have been received for the associations hall of fame: Penny Prombriio & Glenn Wegner. Nimmer, second by Stockhill on selection of recipient. Bevins, will order a plaque. Fedler and Hockerman will work together to compile a list of past recipients. **MC**
- III. Animal Quality – L. Fedler – discussion covered under Rules & Regulations
- IV. ABWPA Journal: Brower, second by Stockhill to approve Minuteman Press colored quote of 450 copies ~ \$1300.00. **MC**
 - a. Black and White 450 copies ~ \$750.00
- V. ABWPA Pamphlets: discussion ordering minimum supply until a new version can be put together with new logo.
- VI. Any other Business:
 - a. Automation of Office duties:
 - 1. Invoicing – discussion email as many as possible to save on paper, ink and stamps.
 - 2. Stamps.com – establish an account to save on bulk postage.
 - 3. Office printer – Martin, second by Stockhill to purchase a printer not to exceed \$1000.00. **MC**
 - b. Notes from Greg Powell:
 - 1. Establish procedure to transfer excess funds from reserve account to operating account – tabled until next meeting.
 - 2. Designated Second Signatory – discussion due to geographic location Morgan Brumbaugh will be the second signatory.
 - 3. Back up procedure – table until next meeting
 - c. Other Business:
 - 1. Data base: Sherry Parks – need more information/ tabled until next meeting
 - 2. Preservation of Records – discussion/ table until next meeting
 - 3. ABWPA Facebook/ Instagram – discussion/ tabled until next meeting
 - 4. Tax Filing/ 504/ 1099 – table until next meeting
 - 5. Incorporation Status – table until next meeting
 - 6. Pedigree paper supplier – color discontinued/ discussion picking a similar color.
 - 7. Phone Service – table until next meeting

Adjourn: Martin, second by Nimmer, made a motion to adjourn the Annual Board of Directors Meeting at 1:29 PM (CST) **MC**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 @ 7:00 (CST)

Respectfully submitted, Megan Hockerman, Secretary