WABA – Western Aberdeen Breeders Association Board Meeting Minutes | Sept 1st, 2026

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by John Tomlinson at 6:42 p.m. PST.

- Present:
  - John Tomlinson, Renae Stentz, Ruth Holcomb, Sue Newman, Darla Fletcher, Nancy Marks
- **Financial Report:** Katie Treasurer Absent
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Aug 5th, 2026):**
  - Motion to approve minutes made by Nancy; seconded by Darla. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Old Business:**
  - Social Media/Website:
    - Post on Nile gained a lot of traction due to the fact that we, Board Members, liked and commented continuously as we saw come up in our feed keeping the post up and in algorithms. As long as we continue to 'Like' and comment on posts made on page and in groups it will continue to gain traction and visability
    - Looking for New content that involves All western states not just the PNW would help a lot
  - List of AAA members living in Western States with phone numbers will get emailed out from Renea to split between Darla and John to call and inquire for WABA members, list got emailed with emails only. Ruth to send out Newsletter to just Western State AAA Members
  - Merchandise and promotional Materials Update:
    - Shirts to be brought to Nile
    - Cups are in, will be brought to Nile
  - Nile Prep
    - David Shockey to come speak about acronyms, ultrasound, carcass numbers, EPD's, Data Collection
    - Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held in the First Interstate Bldg in the Stillwater Room at 6pm Oct 11th.
    - Caterer to be $30 a plate
    - Registration on website for people to pay for dinner tickets to get a head count **BY SEPT 27th**
    - Need Minutes from 2025 Annual Meeting printed and available
    - Make announcements for Meeting
    - Nancy getting Mock Ups for Banners for shows
    - Renea working on what buckles needed
    - John contacting Shelby for entry numbers so know what need banners and buckles for. Nile workers not too inclined to give numbers as their apparent busy-ness. Also there will be numbers coming in until Sept 15th which is final day for late entries.
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  - AAA Update
    - National Sale discussion. Will have time to cancel without penalty if don't have the numbers to put on to make worth while. There will just be a down day between Jr/Bull and Female Shows. Its been stated no videos of animals not there, no pick of the herd, Animals have to be present and in the show
    - Office moved without mention to any AAA Board Member. Change of staff happening, Brianna no longer but helping out until someone else takes over. Issues with yearly fees tripling for less service being provided and able. Currently in Kansas City with Charlolais.
    - DNA new process is up and running. Pre Order Registration with office barcode DNA and sending DNA straight to Neogen
- **New Business:**
  - 3 Board Members at end of term, Nancy, Renea and Sue. Will need to communicate with fellow breeders to have nominations for new board members
  - Nancy working on buckle for David
  - It was mentioned to have another meeting for NILE Prep before Oct. Date TBD

Adjournment:

John Tomlinson called for adjournment at 7:48 p.m. PST.