

**American Red Poll Association**  
**National Membership Meeting Minutes**  
*September 29, 2017*  
*Murray, Kentucky*

President Dan Schmiesing called the meeting to order at 9:30am CST and asked for roll call. **Secretary Kaye Gilbert reported thirty-four members signed into the meeting.**

Chaplain Brian Fairchild led an invocation to open the meeting. Dan Schmiesing read the minutes of the 2016 National Membership Meeting held in Murray, Kentucky. **Mike Parks made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second was given by George Shafer. Motion carried.**

Kaye Gilbert presented and read the list of new applicants for membership in the American Red Poll Association for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. There were seventeen paid memberships, down two from the previous year. There were fifty-one complimentary members, up sixteen from the previous year. **Brian Shuter made a motion to accept the new membership list as presented. A second was given by Gail Spegal. Motion carried.**

Jim Jackson presented the Show Committee report. It was reported the entry deadline was October 1 for NAILE, which would enable any animal purchased in the sale would be eligible for the show. Jim reported Becky Ebersole would be present to help register animals for the show in case there was interest. Jim reported the NAILE has cut the funding for the show in half due to having numbers under fifty. If the show will have fifty or above through the ring, NAILE will continue the funding they have for the 2017 show. If the show has less than fifty head through the ring in 2017, NAILE will cut the remaining funding forcing ARPA to fully support the show. NAILE will order banners and ribbons in addition to obtaining judge, however, ARPA would be billed for those items.

Jeff Wilkins reported for the Sale Committee that the Sale would start at 9:30 am sharp. Kaye Gilbert and JL Morrison reported for the National Banquet and Educational Seminar Committee. Kaye reported the banquet was ready to go at the Springhill Suites Marriott. JL reported Ms. Elizabeth Backhaus would be presenting that afternoon and hoped all would stay to hear her presentation.

Teresa Jackson reported for the Junior Committee. She reported she had been working on a membership listing to have accurate information on the Junior Membership. She also reported the Southern States had donated a laptop for raffled. The Stonebrook Scholarship is also available and ready for members to complete applications. She noted she wished to thank all those that made the Junior Preview show possible and announced the 2018 Junior Preview would be held in Shelbyville Indiana hosted by the Spegal Family.

Teresa Jackson also reported she had asked the board permission to start the Facebook Page for the American Red Poll Association and had been maintaining the page. She requested if anyone had any questions on the postings of the page to please contact her directly.

Bob Carson reported for the Performance Committee. He reported the CHR participation was up and wished to see it continue.

Mike Reed reported on behalf of the Membership Committee. He reported a new association had been formed called the Southern States. He referenced on average ten to fifteen members attend the meetings. Also, he reported the defunct Tennessee monies had been donated to the Southern States in order to have a base to start on. He reported the association is planning on conducting a field day as well as discussing the possibility of getting back into the Tennessee sale.

No report was given for the Grass Feeding Committee.

Jeff Wilkins reported on behalf of the Corporate Sponsorship Committee. He reported of one sponsor for the sale in the Murray Chamber of Commerce awarding a \$1000 grant to apply to expenses.

James Campbell gave no report for the Publications Committee. Discussion was held on rate changes.

Dan Schmiesing reported on behalf of the World Tour Committee. He reported there were 37 members on the tour. The tour started with the Jackson Farms giving a report of stops held. Dan reported a new representative would be needed for the next tour in three years, which will be held in Kenya-South Africa. Questions were taken regarding sponsorship.

Jim Jackson reported on behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Jim reported the proposed bylaw changes were broken down in six motions for clarity as well as the ability to correct errors throughout the bylaws. One motion may be passed without effecting other motions. All motions would be voted on by ballot to assure only eligible voting members would be voting for the changes. Renee Womelsdorf and Christy Hodge were asked to count ballots as two independent parties.

Jim Jackson proceeded with Motion 1. Discussion was held. Question was called for from the floor. Ballots were cast and collected. While Motion 1 ballots were being counted, Jim explained Motion 2. Discussion was held. Ballots were cast and collected. While Motion 2 ballots were being counted, Jim explained Motion 3. Discussion was held. Question was called for from the floor. Ballots were cast and collected. While Motion 3 ballots were being counted, Jim explained Motion 4. Discussion was held. Ballots were cast and collected. While Motion 4 ballots were being counted, Jim explained Motion 5. Discussion was held. Question was called for from the floor. Ballots were cast and collected. While Motion 5 ballots were being counted, Jim explained Motion 6. Discussion was held. Question was called for from the floor. Ballots were cast and collected.

Dan Schmiesing announced the vote count. He explained 2/3 was required to pass a motion. With 34 votes being cast, 23 votes were required to pass a motion. The following results were announced: Motion 1 passed with 23 Yes and 11 No; Motion 2 passed with 29 Yes, 5 No; Motion 3 passed with 29 Yes, 5 No; Motion 4 passed with 31 Yes, 3 No; Motion 5 passed with 31 Yes, 3 No; Motion 6 passed with 26 Yes, 6 No, 2 Abstained.

John Rager presented the Finance Committee report. He noted the Association was in good shape and how ARPA had not touched the Endowment interest in two years. He also reported Mary First had audited the books and stated all was in order. Kaye Gilbert then reported the numbers citing the following: 98 bulls registered, down 2 from last year; 471 heifers registered, up 225 from last year; 8 steers, up 3 from last year; 683 cows enrolled in CHR, up 317 from last year; 391 animals transferred, up 13 from last year. Discussion was held and questions were taken from the floor. **Mike Parks made a motion to approve the Financial Report as given. Joe Jackson seconded. Motion carried.**

Dan Schmiesing reported in the Officers Report the request for information for a nationwide advertising option. He reported all information will be handed to the new board for the pursuit of a nationwide advertising campaign. Kaye Gilbert reported in the Officers Report regarding the new ABRI system. She reported the system is being tested by doing data entry simultaneously with the old system to work out any bugs. The hope is to go live with the new system within the month. She reported the membership will not see a change within the website regarding searches, etc.

James Campbell presented the Nomination Committee report and started the introduction to the nominees. Chet Miller of Kentucky, Mike Reed of Tennessee, John Rager of Indiana, Becky Ebersole of Ohio, Jim Jackson of Indiana were all introduced. Each nominee had provided a biography which was available at check in. Faron Daniels nominated Caleb Cunningham. Nominees addressed the membership. **Joe Jackson made a motion to close nominations. A second was made by Don Burton. Motion carried. Ballots were cast and counted.**

Dan Schmiesing called for new business. Rick Sappington asked about doing ads in other publications and if permission would need to be sought from ARPA before the ad could be placed. Dan Schmiesing stated he thought the Board would need to approve to verify the correct use of the logo. Gail Spegal asked for help to travel to shows to up numbers. George Shafer shared a communication from Bill Wiese regarding attending the National Meeting. Teresa Jackson reported juniors would receive credit for raffle tickets sold and be entered in a drawing to earn \$50 therefore please specify which junior is to receive the credit when purchasing the tickets.

Dan Schmiesing announced the results of the Board election. Mike Reed, Chet Miller, and Jim Jackson are the new board members.

**Joe Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was given by Jeff Wilkins. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Gilbert  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer