

Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, 8th December, 2015

Present: Liz Vahlkamp, Theresa Kaiser, Steve Rush, Sheri Jacoby, and Jeanette Campbell.

The meeting was called to order by Liz Vahlkamp at 8:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of October 1st, 2015 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was not available.

Committee Reports:

Website: Gwen was still in contact with the website designers. An email needed to be sent out letting people know that the site was up and running.

Fiber U: Plans are going ahead as per schedule.

Education: The Winter Seminar would take place on Saturday 30th January, 2016. The topic would be Fiber Arts as a Business. It would be a low cost seminar, around \$300 in total. The speakers would be Susan Hoisington, fiber artist, and Chris Vahlkamp who would provide tips for the farm store. People enjoyed last year's seminar with the focus on fiber and this would be a follow up.

Show Committee: Theresa would talk to Debbie Hoerl regarding the 2017 show. Liz reported that the work for the show was not evenly spread throughout the year. The busiest times were at the beginning and the end, just before the show. The Golden Ox Restaurant was going to reopen but the date was unknown. It was noted that the National Show in 2016, would be two weeks ahead of MIAS.

Old Business:

Elections: The ballots had been sent. Gwen would be asked to send an e-blast to remind people to vote.

MIAS Show 2017: A decision would have to be made on the timing of the show. The National Show was set for March 17 – 19 in Denver. The usual date for MIAS would be March 24-26 which is one week later. The Futurity was likely to be April 7-9, which is two weeks later. There was discussion on how a possible joint show with the Futurity might work. The Futurity Auction would be on Saturday afternoon. MIAS would have to start early on Saturday and finish later on Sunday. The Futurity would start with the production classes on Sunday. There would be many hurdles to overcome in sharing. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to explore the idea of sharing. Steve made the motion to explore the possibility of sharing the show with the Futurity. This was seconded by Liz and agreed by those present. Theresa raised the question of whether MIAS could be moved to the fall. It would be necessary to check on dates of fall shows and also the contract with the Royal.

New Business:

It was pointed out that when the President is elected it would be half way through the normal term. It was agreed that Theresa talk to the incoming President about this. She would serve for one year and then could run again for the normal two year period.

Natural Disaster Plan: Steve suggested a note should be sent to members asking for people to serve on the committee.

Newsletter: Liz had volunteered to take over the newsletter next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Campbell
MOPACA Secretary