



Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, 4th February, 2016

Present: Theresa Kaiser, Steve Rush, Terry Passanante, Audrey Kruse, Sheri Jacoby and Jeanette Campbell.

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Kaiser at 8:05pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of January 7th 2016, had already been approved by email.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey gave details of the new accounts opened at US Bank and balances on the other accounts. In future Audrey will be able to give balances on all accounts – MOPACA, MIAS and Fiber U. Beverly would have to go to her local branch of US Bank and get access to the accounts. Mary Tolbeck, current Registrar for MIAS, would not be fulfilling that role next year and did not need to be on the account. The final reconciliation of the show budget should be in May and Theresa will work on the show budget for 2017, in June.

Committee Reports:

Education: The winter seminar was a good event with excellent speakers. There were not as many attendees as hoped for but it may have broken even on cost. Participants were to be sent a copy of the afternoon presentation. The question was raised of having a DVD made of the seminar. The question of cost for members who had attended was an issue. Theresa would check with speakers on how to offer the materials to members who did not attend.

Publicity: There was no budget for this at present.

Website: There had been no follow up with Gwen. We were up to date on payments to the website developers. There was an issue with response time which was being addressed. Audrey felt the site was very restrictive in the way it had been set up. She felt it was not user friendly when signing up for classes for Fiber U. Both she and Liz Mitcko were finding it was not as user friendly as they had been led to believe.

Newsletter: Theresa hoped the newsletter would be available in the next couple of weeks. She would write a letter from the Board. Committee reports would be sent to Liz as well as Theresa. If anyone had ideas for content, they should send these to Liz.

MIAS: Theresa had spent time with Debbie Hoerl on the show. She would inherit a larger binder and a thumb drive. Registrations are slow to come in but everything is on track from a planning perspective.

Fiber U: Vendors were currently sending in balances for their booth fees. Registration for classes would open on March 11.

Old Business: Membership: Steve and Terry were working on this trying to identify benefits for members. They wanted to get current members to encourage others to join, perhaps with an incentive. Terry suggested getting the names of people who attended the Alpacas 101 at the show . Also, if we have planned events between seminars, members should be encouraged to bring new people. At the winter seminar Mary Beth De Brodie had mentioned a facility which is free to non profits and has catering. She would check the availability. We need to encourage interest in MOPACA from non alpaca people. Perhaps we need to offer more to fiber artists. Steve and Terry both indicated that MOPACA needs to be proactive about new members. Fiber U would be a great avenue for new members. We could also indentify the needs of these people. Terry felt we need to unify and identify benefits and make changes to recruit fiber members. Steve proposed that he and Terry should work on this together and get something in writing.

It was agreed to table the safety plan.

MIAS 2017: At the end of the show this year Theresa would email show committee members to see who would be continuing in their position for 2017.

At the winter seminar the De Brodies indicated that they would be interested in rejoining as members. Mary Beth would be willing to work on an April meeting of members.

Steve asked if Gwen Wolf, the Administration Assistant, had been paid yet. She had not.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Campbell

MOPACA Secretary.