



Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, 7th January, 2016

Present: Theresa Kaiser, Steve Rush, Terry Passanante, Beverly Stock, Audrey Kruse and Jeanette Campbell.

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

Theresa welcomed our new board member, Terry Passanante, who is replacing Liz Vahlkamp, and our new president, Beverly Stock who is filling the vacant position of president.

Steve pointed out that on the AOA website Eric Morti was still listed as president. This would have to be changed.

Each board member and officer gave a resume of their involvement with alpacas.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of December 8th, 2015 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The balance on hand as of December 31st 2015 was \$3909. There were two bills outstanding, one for website development and another for website maintenance. Together these came to \$ 3993. Audrey had not received a bill from Gwen Wolff for her Administrative Assistant hours. There was discussion on various aspects of the budget and costs associated with these items. It was agreed that the Admin Assistant should submit her costs on a monthly basis. It was noted that no money had been spent on advertising in 2015 because of the website upgrade.

Committee Reports:

Website: All members should have received log in information for the members section of the website. Everyone should try to log in to ensure that it works.

Fiber U: Audrey is working with Liz Mitchko on this. Audrey will provide a summary for next month.

Education: There was a need to get fliers out quickly for the Winter Seminar on January 30th. There may be a shortfall in income for the seminar which will have to be covered. There was a suggestion that the event should be moved to February.

Publicity: Advertising would be discussed later in the year.

Newsletter: Liz Vahlkamp would be doing the newsletter this year. She had not yet set a date for the first newsletter.

Old Business: The free websites on Open Herd are being discontinued for individuals. AOA Affiliate members are still being offered a free website. Listing on the MOPACA farm pages is tied to Open Herd and so all members need to have an Open Herd site.

There was discussion on the need to keep the membership list up to date and whose responsibility this should be. Also at member renewal time, currently in June, there was considerable follow up required with members. It was decided to focus on membership at the February meeting. In the meantime Steve and Terry were asked to brainstorm this issue and present ideas at the next board meeting.

It was decided to table discussion of the Safety Plan till the next meeting and to raise the issue at the General Meeting at the Winter Seminar.

MIAS Show Options for 2017: Theresa had discussions with Tim Vincent of the Futurity and Debbie Hoerl, about the possibility of running MIAS and the Futurity on the same weekend. Discussion on this issue concluded that while there might be some cost saving, the logistics of running two different types of shows, one with an auction, would be problematic. The suggestion was made that it might be possible to share with another similar show in 2018.

There was a need to understand the finances of MIAS each year. In 2014 there was a loss overall. In 2015 there was a small profit of \$600. The Board should have quarterly updates on the show budget. Audrey suggested that these should be monthly and reported along with the other financial reports.

New Business: It was decided to have a separate meeting on the proposed new budget.

A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Theresa that Officers should continue to be included in board meetings. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Campbell
MOPACA Secretary