

Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, June 10th 2015

Present: Liz Vahlkamp, Theresa Kaiser, Audrey Kruse, Sheri Jacoby and Jeanette Campbell.

The meeting was called to order by Liz Vahlkamp at 8:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 7th May 2015 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey presented the Treasurer's Report. Fiber U had been generating income with few expenses at the moment. There were a few membership dues coming in. The \$1000 payment to the University of Illinois for the veterinary student scholarship had been made. This fulfills our contract with the school. Theresa had been in contact with AOA regarding the Student Design Competition and reported that the \$1000 donation would provide sponsorship for 10 students in our area. Theresa would complete the required form and send to Audrey for payment. The insurance bill for the officers had been received. It was agreed that bids should be sought from other companies before this was paid. The balance on hand as of 8th June was \$13,691.94.

Committee Reports:

Fiber U: Audrey has agreed to take over the running of Fiber U for 2016. As of this report there were 131 people registered for classes with 57 of these being first time attendees. There were only 9 MOPACA members registered. Seventeen classes were already full and two had only one seat left.

Education Committee: Nothing to report.

Publicity Committee: Brian Willsey had planned advertising for National Alpaca Farm Days and would hold off on holiday advertising until later in the year so that billing would fall into next year's budget.

MIAS: Debbie Hoerl had forwarded two spreadsheets, one for the completed 2015 show and the other a proposed budget for the 2016 show. The 2015 show had broken even. Debbie would need approval for the 2016 budget. The Board needed to find someone who would take on the role of Event Coordinator for 2017.

Website Committee: Gwen Wolff reported that as of the date of this meeting, the website was working. The issue with uploading photographs had been resolved.

Old Business:

Articles of Incorporation: Liz had been able to discover that Dale Natoli had been the holder of these but they had been lost in a house fire. Liz would try to contact Nick Peckham who had written the Articles to see if he had a copy.

Membership Dues: An email blast had been sent reminding the members to renew their dues. Some of the MAIS sponsors received free membership.

Website: Gwen had been informed that the Board had approved seeking bids from three groups to design a new website for MOPACA. At the moment Brian Hanson was continuing to repair issues with the present site. It had cost \$422 for the work he had already done in keeping the site running. I was agreed that it was important to get the bidding process started so that the new site could be up and running as quickly as possible to ensure that next year's show information would be available when needed. There was discussion on what might be added to a new site such as a shopping cart and what needed to be updated to have a more modern look. Liz requested any further ideas should be sent to her for submission to Gwen.

New Business:

Election of Board Members and Officers: Steve Rush would be in charge of the election process. At present we still do not have a President. It was suggested to try and recruit at the Fiber U meeting.

Newsletter: Sharon Heimes would produce the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Campbell
MOPACA Secretary