



## Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016

Present: Theresa Kaiser, Beverly Stock, Sheri Jacoby and Jeanette Campbell.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** There was one correction to the Minutes of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Sheri Jacoby had been in attendance at the previous meeting. Minutes were approved with this correction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Audrey was not available at the meeting but had sent her report. Theresa said that the report is now presented as a multi page spreadsheet with all the accounts listed. Accounts have been closed at the Bank of Washington with the exception of the MAIS account which would be left there until after the show. The bill from Gwen Wollf for her Administrative Assistant hours for April to December 2015 has been received. This could not be paid at this time because of the account transfers and holds on the proceeds. The limit for the AA hours was twenty. Gwen had gone over that in January after approval from Theresa.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Website:** The developer had been asked to correct things for the Fiber U portion of the site. There had been a lot of activity on the site. There was a need to know if members were able to access the members only pages. The Fiber U registration is not open yet. Jeanette noted that the Bing search engine could not find the website.

**Education:** Theresa had followed up with the speakers at the winter seminar regarding making a CD of the presentations. Susan Hoisington did not agree to this. The cost of producing a CD would be investigated. Theresa had received requests from two farms for reimbursement for events held on their farms. These had been approved previously. Theresa felt that we should honor the payments. In future we would need criteria and a timeline for this. The recipients would also be required to produce a write up for the newsletter.

**Newsletter:** Liz Vahlkamp was working on the newsletter and trying to get it drafted by March 11.

**MIAS:** Everything is running on track. Audrey had several questions on details of the show budget which she hope to clarify with the registrar, Mary Tolbeck. While the show income was partially there,

not many expenses had been paid yet. Theresa suggested trying to have a face to face meeting for the Board and Officers at the show, perhaps Friday before dinner of sometime on Saturday.

2017 Show: This would be the last weekend in March. Theresa has not talked to judges yet. Patty Hasselbring, publicity and Mary Tolbeck, registrar have both indicated that they did not wish to carry on in their positions. The Reddicks would also not be on the show committee next year. Theresa was most concerned about the registrar position.

**Old Business:**

Theresa had suggestions for membership. There needed to be an enrollment form on the website as well as the option to use Paypal for payment. Audrey and Gwen would need to work on this. She also suggested a small increase in fees from \$120 to \$125. Theresa suggested sending an eblast in mid April to the effect that if dues were paid by May 31, the current price of \$120 would apply. From June 1 onwards the fee would increase to \$125. Dues could be collected at the regional meeting as an incentive to pay quickly.

Safety Plan: This needed to be tabled at the moment because of other more pressing business but should be kept on the agenda under Old Business.

Regional Meeting: The facility has been reserved. Notice of the meeting will be posted on the website and the Facebook page. Theresa has also sent this to Liz for inclusion in the newsletter. Brian Willsey will talk about the fodder system and the new de-hairing machine. There was the option to have another speaker after lunch. Theresa had a conflict that day and would ask Steve if he could run the meeting.

Theresa referred to new legislation which would go into effect in 2017 which aimed to limit the use of oral antibiotics which were also used in human medicine. Farmers would require a prescription from a veterinarian before they could purchase these instead of buying them over the counter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Campbell  
MOPACA Secretary