

## **Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, May 7th 2015**

Present: Liz Vahlkamp, Theresa Kaiser, Steve Rush, Audrey Kruse, Jeanette Campbell.  
Liz Mitchko attended for part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Liz Vahlkamp at 8:03 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of 2nd April were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Audrey presented the Treasurer's Report. Liz noted that the bill for Directors' insurance would be arriving. This was \$1150. It was suggested that we put this out for bid. Audrey would make the payment to the University of Illinois Veterinary School of \$1000 for the contracted scholarship. This is the last year of the contract. The balance on hand was \$7666.49.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Fiber U:** Liz Mitchko reported that as of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 94 people had registered for classes. Of these, 33 were first time registrants and 9 were MOPACA members. Another wave of advertising would be sent out. Five of the classes were already full. There was a problem with the MOPACA website which was preventing Liz from uploading information to the website. Fortunately people were still able to sign up for classes. Plans for Fiber 'U' were made two years ahead. The facility was already booked for 2016 for the second weekend in July. In 2017 it would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. Liz indicated that 2015 would be the last year that she would be running Fiber 'U'. A decision on a replacement event coordinator would have to be made by 20<sup>th</sup> June as press releases need to go out in July as well as annual forms and bookmarks. Liz outlined the various deadlines that had to be met and the timeframe for the various work activities. The coordinator has to be a MOPACA member. Audrey indicated that she would be retiring at thanksgiving and would like to take this over.

**Education Committee:** Sharon Heimes reported that there were no plans at the moment. An evaluation of the winter seminar would be sent out.

**Publicity Committee:** Brian Willsey was planning a radio campaign in the fall for National Alpaca Farm Days. It may be possible to do a Christmas campaign as was done last year. This year the membership would have to be informed of the advertising.

### **Old Business:**

**Website:** There was an urgent need to fix the website so that Liz Mitchko could upload information. Theresa suggested the use of the Face Book group page as an interim measure. She also suggested that once the show was finished Fiber 'U' information should appear on the home page. Liz suggested that we get bids from 3 different groups to rebuild the website. This was agreed.

Veterinary School Scholarships: There were two different options. One was to have contracts with the schools as was done in the past. The second was to have a more informal arrangement with ongoing interaction with the students. It was agreed that the traditional model was easier to manage. Liz suggested a shorter contractual period perhaps three years and also a reduced number of schools.

**New Business:**

Student Design Competition: Money was allocated for a \$1000 sponsorship for the competition. Theresa would follow up with AOA on how this operates and when the money is due.

Membership fees were due for renewal. Audrey would contact Gwen about an e-blast.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Campbell  
MOPACA Secretary