



## Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 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 8:15pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016, had already been approved by email.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer joined the meeting late and was not available to discuss the report. Theresa suggested that we approve the report by email. Any questions should be sent to Audrey by email. Theresa indicated that we were still waiting for the final account for MIAS from the show registrar. It seemed as if the show had broken even.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Publicity:** Theresa would follow up with Brian Willsey to see whether we could find a lower cost avenue for advertizing.

**Website:** Audrey felt that the Fiber U database on the new site is not as good as the old site. Theresa suggested waiting until after Fiber U and then correct things that needed to be fixed and then the old stand alone Fiber U website which had been set up as a temporary measure could be eliminated.

**Newsletter:** Theresa said that the newsletter should be available late July or early August.

**Fiber U:** Audrey reported that to date there were 97 people registered. Of those, 24 were first time students. Income is higher at this stage than at the same time last year. Another \$300 received would cover all expenses for this year.

**MIAS:** Patty Hasselbring had sent a survey to attendees at the 2016 Show. Theresa would forward the results to Board members and Officers. Theresa had received verbal approval for the show date for 2017. After speaking to the high end sponsors at this year's show about the dates of Nationals, MIAS and The Futurity in 2017, Theresa had decided to move the show dates to April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was having some difficulty getting a contract from the American Royal. She had contacted two judges, Jude Anderson and Wade Gease. Jude Anderson was not available for the dates.

### **Old Business:**

**Membership:** An increase to the membership fee was discussed. The dues are currently \$120. The question was raised about an automated form and the ability to pay by PayPal. Theresa would ask Gwen to check on this. The suggestion was made that dues could be increased to \$125 to cover the cost of

PayPal. Audrey felt we were not pushing benefits enough. It was agreed that we should keep the normal process for now and leave the dues at \$120. The current form asks for volunteers but most people do not volunteer. We need to encourage this. Steve suggested that we review the form before it gets sent out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Campbell

MOPACA Secretary.