

Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, October 1st, 2015

Present: Liz Vahlkamp, Steve Rush, Sheri Jacoby, Audrey Kruse and Jeanette Campbell.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of September 3rd, 2015 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey gave the Treasurer's Report. Activity had slowed down. There was a need to withdraw more money from the Money Market account to pay for the website. Audrey would work on that. The budget for 2016 needed to be reviewed. This was the job of the senior Board Member.

Committee Reports:

Website: Gwen had reported that the website was almost complete. The Members section would soon be complete and everything should be finished by 16 October. It was recommended that there should be an announcement for members by email and on Facebook. There would need to be a training session on the use of the new site and Word Press. It was suggested that Board members and Officers and perhaps Patty Hasselbring and Debbie Hoerl should be involved.

Fiber U: Liz had asked Liz Mitchko if she had considered charging for advertizing in the Fiber Directory. Audrey thought she was concerned about the extra work involved. Liz felt that not having a revenue stream from advertizing was unusual. It would be necessary to have someone who was willing to take this on board. AOA had decided not to use the Fiber U venue for the National Fleece Show and fiber conference next year.

MIAS: Debbie Hoerl and Liz had received an email from Derby Vanier, the AOA Executive Director, regarding the 2017 National Show. He had found two possible venues. Both had dates available for the same weekend as MIAS. He had asked if MOPACA could change the dates for MIAS to the following weekend, April 1st and 2nd. This would mean that the National Show would be one week before MIAS. The situation was further complicated by the fact that because of Easter weekend the Futurity might be moved to the weekend of April 8th through April 10th. If this happened MIAS would be sandwiched between two shows which would draw many of our sponsors and attendees. There was general acceptance that this would seriously affect MIAS and that there needed to be further discussion on how best to deal with this situation.

Education: There was no information from the Education Committee.

Old Business: Steve reported on his search for candidates for Director and Officers. He had two candidates for the Board Position, Terry Passanante and Claudia Hey. Sheri had agreed to run again for Vice President and Audrey for Treasurer. Dale Natoli might be interested in running for President. Steve had not found anyone who would be interested in the Show Coordinator position.

Disaster Preparedness: Liz was interested in getting together a safety plan for farms should a natural disaster hit an area eg. fires, flooding, tornado. Steve had produced an information sheet on emergency considerations for alpacas at the request of his county as the emergency services knew nothing about alpacas. There was discussion on how to tie in with emergency management teams and the need for farms to know how to contact other farms in their area and beyond should they need help. This project would be discussed further in the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Campbell
MOPACA Secretary