



Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, 1st June, 2016

Present: Theresa Kaiser, Steve Rush, Terry Passanante, Audrey Kruse, and Jeanette Campbell.

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Kaiser at 8:07pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 5th May were approved after corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Theresa suggested that we might have to change the date of the Board meeting to allow Audrey time to correlate her report as bank statements come in at the end of the month. In September and December the first Thursday is on the first day of the month.

MIAS: Audrey reported that the checkbook balance was different from the Profit and Loss sheet. She raised the question of how much should be left in this account. Theresa was working on a budget for 2017. One of the things not included in the budget sheet was how many sponsors were given free membership to MOPACA. It was felt that it was important to include this expense in the budget.

MOPACA: Gwen (Administrative Assistant) has not cashed her payment checks. This caused a discrepancy between the bank statement and Audrey's budget sheet. Membership renewals have been coming in, around 75% to date. Discussion followed on alterations to the membership form. It was agreed that it was unnecessary to ask members how many alpacas they owned. This would be replaced with information on opening an Openherd account.

Fiber U: The check book balance was \$13008.62 and there had been 62 transactions. There would still be checks coming in until nearer the event.

Committee Reports:

Publicity: No update.

Website: There were things that needed to be updated. Show results were not currently on the website and should be added to the site. There was a need to use the website to promote the benefits of MOPACA. Theresa had not heard from Gwen recently. There needed to be an eblast about Fiber U and also about membership dues.

Newsletter: Theresa would prompt Liz again about the newsletter. It would likely be sent out after Fiber U. A quarterly newsletter was planned.

Fiber U: To date there had been 118 people sign up for classes. Five had later cancelled. It was hoped that the total attendees would be similar to last year's total of 140. There were 59 classes being offered. Four of these were already full. There were 29 vendor booths. Nine MOPACA members had signed up for classes.

MIAS: Theresa had the report from 2016. There was an issue with one of the sponsors, Manna Meadows. This centered round their upgrade from Gold Sponsor to Platinum. Although they had been stalled in the arena, they had only received a quarter page advertisement in the show book instead of a full page. Even as a Gold Sponsor they should have received a half page advertisement. There had been various discussions between Debbie Hoerl, Show Coordinator, and Sharon Heimes but no resolution had been agreed on. After discussion it was agreed that Manna Meadows should receive a refund of \$300. It was also agreed that Treasurer Audrey Kruse should issue the check. Theresa was working on the budget for the 2017 show. She had received tentative figures from the Hale Arena. It was a very large expense. She had secured Wade Gease, Senior Judge, and Robin Nasemann as judges for the event. Theresa hoped to get remaining items and the budget completed before the next meeting.

Old Business: The membership form needed to be updated and sent out. There was discussion on using electronic payment for membership. If there were a shopping cart on the website it could be used for membership, the winter seminar and Fiber U. Different systems were discussed and how they would impact being able to reconcile payments. We would need to know what the cost would be to develop this on the website. Theresa suggested that an important first step would be to contact Don Tompkins who manages the MIAS show registration to find out how PayPal works on that site. The issue was raised about passing the cost of electronic payment on to the customer and whether or not this was legal.

The meeting was adjourned by Theresa at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Campbell

MOPACA Secretary.