

## **MOPACA BOARD AND OFFICERS MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

ATTENDEES: Diane Dickerson, Dale Hoerl, Brad Ryckert, Barbara Bernardi, Sue Cosner, Patty Hasselbring. ABSENT: Penny Moore and Patti Jones.

MINUTES: January Minutes were presented. Motion to Approve by Barbara Bernardi, seconded by Dale Hoerl. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Dickerson stated that financials were not sent as Patti Jones putting them into Quickbooks. That although was slower than thought feels it will be better in the long run. Financials should be out within the next two weeks and should include budget if all goes well.

E-MAIL VOTE: Patti Jones made Motion to upgrade Quickbooks to include budget. Brad Ryckert seconded. Motion carried unanimously Note: Upgraded Quickbooks would cost \$70 per month with first three months at \$35 per month. Still will have \$50 set up fee.

MOPACA SHOW UPDATE: The waiver was sent to Health Department and their response was that they did not have any edits or suggestions to our plan if we choose to continue with show. The Canadian judge has had to back out due to covid travel restrictions. The walking fleece judge wants us to stop the entries at 80. She was also concerned with the close proximity of judge and handlers. Having 80 entries, walking fleece would be at least \$1,000 loss. UPDATE: Walking fleece judge asked to be released from contract.

The show is not looking good as far as entries go. As of 1-31-2021 early bird registration deadline had 129 entries. Last year we had 227. As of today, have gotten up to 178 entries, which make us 100 entries short. Diane stated that if have the show based on early bird entries, we would be \$22,000 in the hole, plus \$500 more in vendors. If we do the halter numbers that we had last year we would still be in the hole \$8,000.

If we cancel the show, we still have to pay the show superintendent for her work, which would only be \$300.00. Note: in original budget actual numbers prior to canceling were 283 and projected based on actual numbers. UPDATE: if we cancel we would also have to pay each judge for one day judging which would be \$2,000 total.

Not having vendor income, a loss in walking fleece entries and 100 fewer entries best case would have \$8,000 loss; worst case \$22,000 loss. In addition, the sound system price is almost double what have paid in the past as what have charged us the last three years is the wrong price. Do we have show regardless of loss or do we have with fewer numbers. Currently have 42 suris which may get as high as 50 to 60 suris. UPDATE: found formula error in original budget given to us. Once corrected loss would be significantly lower than estimated.

Dale questioned whether Royal will allow us to cancel without any fees or does cancellation have to be covid related. Doiane thought canceling would be covid related. Dale was concerned that the Royal will not accept low attendance as a reason for canceling the show. Not sure if ever discussed with Brady and that we should check the Contract to see if would have to pay a fee to cancel.

Diane stated that if we have the we end up paying the Royal \$24,000 so in future must look at that fact.

There is also the possibility that the walking fleece judge will still back out. She told Diane that she would let her know by end of February. If the Royal Contract says that we have to pay if we cancel, may just want to go ahead with show, but if we can get out of Contract canceling the show is an option. If the Royal lets us out of the Contract decision whether or not to cancel should be made fairly soon.

Brad stated and Barb agreed that the mayor for Kansas City could always quash the whole show so have to watch that as well.

Diane will get with the Royal and see if can get out of contract. UPDATE: if we cancel prior to March 1, 2021 would not have to pay a fee.

Patty thanked Diane for all of her hard work.

Diane will keep us posted on progress with the Royal. If anything comes up we can have an emergency board meeting.

NEWSLETTER: Sue mentioned Liz Vahlkamp's questions regarding the recap of the AOA/Mopaca affiliates meeting. Diane stated that she would get with Liz and let her know that meeting is not till end of month so will be no information in this edition. The newsletter will go out 4 times per year. This issue is going out in February so can get show information in which Diane will provide to Liz. Sue stated that we need a featured farm for the next issue.

OLD BUSINESS: Patty Hasselbring set up the seminar report. She noted that the speaker, Rebecca Gill was really very organized and that Rebecca had not chosen to be a co-host but that all went really well. The seminar video can now be purchased and under Education tab.

Barbara Bernardi has sent emails to Dr. Tidley about doing a reproductive seminar in the future and also to \_\_\_ Vanderbosh about her Alpaca 101 seminar. Also, we could do a seminar on what drugs to use for alpacas.

Do we want another ½ day winter seminar? The winter seminar has been one we have kept. Talked about have a spring seminar a couple of years ago on birthing which was held just prior to cria being born for that year.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2021 at 8:00 pm CST.

Meeting adjourned.

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