



Minutes of the MOPACA Board of Directors' Meeting, 2nd February, 2017

**Present:** Steve Rush, Terry Passanante, Theresa Kaiser, Beverly Stock, Sheri Jacoby, Patti Jones, Jeanette Campbell, Stacey Blank, Audrey Kruse, Leslie Rush, Sharon Heimes

The meeting was called to order by Steve Rush at 8:05pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 12th January, 2017 were approved, pending a correction, to be done before posting to the website.

**Thank you to Jeanette Campbell for her years of service as she retires.**

**Treasurer's report-** The 2017 budget had no objections at this time. There are a few updates still needed, we will re visit at next month's board meeting.

It was discussed that the radio/publicity budget could also be used for online modules, if we continue to see a demand for them from the survey. It was also brought to our attention by Sharon Heimes that MOPACA is payed through the end of 2018 with K State for our members to access their Camelid seminars/modules. It was agreed that we would re publicize this. It was also agreed that Stacey would work on adding an area on the website for people to access this information as well as adding a link and information in the description of the value of our membership.

Patti Jones proposed to reduce the number of bank accounts to help reduce the amount of different checks being used and put more responsibility on check holders to reconcile checks monthly. Reducing bank accounts will be more secure for MOPACA. If Patti is willing to handle all trasactions, everyone is in agreement that with reducing bank accounts. Discussion will continue for working out the minor details, and we will touch base again at next month's meeting.

Patti also proposed to scan historical documents. She received a quote from office depot for .25 cents per page to scan records. She will research more options, and

cheaper options. This would help keep records from being lost during facility changes and when different board officers are elected. Steve brought up the need to check the bi laws on the amount of time certain documents need to be kept. There were no objections to this proposal. Patti will talk with us about her continued research at the next board meeting.

Leslie Rush joined us to answer any questions regarding using paypal for credit cards at events. Everyone will be added with their own user name and password. No questions asked and Leslie left the call.

### **Administrative Assistant:**

We discussed adding a new member benefit of sending e blasts for events.

The board/officers seem to have agreed on the following regarding E-Blasts allowed to members. It will be a member benefit.

1. Administrative Assistant controls the E-Blast list of names. This information is never to be released to anyone else.
2. Only current MOPACA members can use E-Blast and it must be alpaca related.
3. E-Blast must be used to announce events on member farms. No animal or product sale postings.
4. Only one E-Blast per month per member. Maximum aggregate total of two per month from all members.
5. Administrative Assistant is responsible for evaluating member E-Blast requests and making sure they fall within these guidelines. If in doubt, contact President or senior board member for advice.

There were no objections and the new benefit is now in place.

Theresa advised that she is getting a decent response from the survey. A summary report will be put together to and discussed at next month's meeting. We will also discuss enhancing member benefits based on the survey results at next month's meeting.

Access to tax reports- Brian made changes and anyone can now access our tax information under the disclosure tab on MOPACA's website. It is federally mandated that we keep these posted and up to date. The 2016 taxes will be added when finished.

## **MIAS**

Theresa will be ordering the ribbons this month, while they are still on sale.

We still need an alpaca 101 speaker for the event and will continue to look for one.

An update will be done on the budget asap and sent to Patti.

The spinoff registration was extended and it still looks like we don't have enough registered. We may be able to still have it, to get the judges opinions, but not for official results.

Jeanette advised that there was only one fiber arts entry at this point and if no one else enters, we will need to refund that person.

Sharon had positive feedback from the winter seminar with atleast 25 attendees.

## **Fiber U**

Deadline for vendors was yesterday. Audrey and Liz will continue updating information for fiber u. Registration will open in march.

## **Old Business**

Election: There is no candidate for the board of directors. The Ballots will go out with a nomination for the board of directors. The secretary on the Ballot will be Stacey Blank and the President will be Beverly Stock. No objections.

## **New Business:**

Steve proposed implementing a new MOPACA structure for more equality between the board/officers. It was suggested we may have the officers be board members. Everyone was for this. Everyone will think about structures and ideas and we will revisit at the next meeting.

Implementing an Act of God/Natural Disaster Clause for MIAS was discussed. We will also implement a clause for farms that have a health outbreak as well. Theresa will talk to the show committee about putting these into effect.

Gwen submitted her final bill as the previous administrative assistant. There is also an outstanding check to her that was misplaced. Patti will issue the checks, no objections.

**Meeting adjourned @ 10:03 pm CST motioned by Steve.**

