

MOPACA Board and Officers Meeting

January 10, 2019

Attendees: Britt Hasselbring, Diane Dickerson, Susan Theroff, Dian Trainer, Sharon Heimes, Patti Jones and Dale Hoerl.

Meeting was called to order by Britt Hasselbring.

New members and officers were welcomed.

December Meeting Minutes: a couple of changes had been added & minutes were resent for review. Sharon Heimes moved to accept the December minutes as presented. Patti Jones seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report was updated this morning to reflect the interest from CD purchased in November: \$40.35 was added to that line. Sharon Heimes had questions about the totals not matching up in the MIAS column for the 2019 budget. Some accounting lines were collapsed so not all information was visible. Patti resent the Treasures report for the MIAS 2019 budget with collapsed accounting lines now expanded for view. Dian Trainer motioned to accept the report as amended. Sharon Heimes seconded. Motion carried.

Newsletter: In the past the President spearheaded the efforts of the newsletter. Dale Hoerl will work with Liz Vahlkamp as the newsletter lead.

Education Report: Britt Hasselbring reported that the Winter Seminar has 14 registered participants. This number is considered a bit low. A push on marketing was encouraged. Sharon Heimes shared that in the past MOPACA has purchased an AOA email blast for \$50-\$100 and usually received a good response. Britt Hasselbring will look into. It was also noted to be sure to have membership forms available for non-members. The Neo-Natal Seminar already has 8 participants registered, a good number for this early in the schedule.

Old Business:

Grant Request follow up: Patti Jones sent letter to Ashley Otto that her grant of \$1,000 was approved for her to attend the summer camelid practice course at the University of Massachusetts. Check will be sent in January. Letter included stipulation that if she doesn't attend seminar the money will need to be refunded. Ashley was thrilled to receive the grant.

New Business:

Winter Seminar Membership Meeting agenda planning: In past the President ran the membership meeting. Dale Hoerl will be attending. Patti Jones has the list of who has paid and signed up for seminar and will forward to Dale. It was discussed to be sure that we talk about what we've done in the past year, share our successes, how well the show went. It was noted that at the AOA affiliate meeting numbers for other shows are down overall. The MOPACA

show is one of the best attended in the country. Some may have to do with our work with the FFA and scholarships. Dale requested that members email him with what we see has gone well for 2018.

Membership Committee at MOPACA show: Discussion revolved around the importance of communicating with folks before the show starts and everyone gets busy with their volunteer duties. Patti Jones suggested of having list of names from membership committee available before the show starts. Also going in pairs to visit with folks may be helpful. Sharon Heimes will be free on Sunday to help in visiting with members and non-members. Britt Hasselbring suggested visiting with folks more on Friday as well.

Follow up with Andrea Nissen: Sharon Heimes shared that she has contacted Andrea Nissen and is planning on visiting with her at her farm in Holden, MO next week. Andrea is very involved with fleece & youth and is ready to get involved with MOPACA. She has a lot of great ideas to share. Sharon will report back on her visit.

Education discount discussion: Dian Trainer brought up an old business suggestion. Last year the cost of attending the spring seminar was discussed. Travel distance may keep some from attending. Suggestion was made to use funds from the Education account to lower the cost of the seminar. Patti Jones suggested readdressing this issue before next membership meeting in June as we already have people registered for the Spring Neo-natal Seminar. Suggestion was also made to offer this seminar several times a year in different locations.

Adjourn- At 8:50 a motion was made by Patti Jones to adjourn. Sharon Heimes seconded. Motion carried to adjourn.