

MOPACA Board and Officers Meeting

June 20, 2019

Attendees: Dale Hoerl, Susan Theroff, Dian Trainer, Britt Hasselbring, Patti Jones, Diane Dickerson, Patty Hasselbring

Absent: Sharon Heimes

Meeting was called to order by Britt Hasselbring

March Board Meeting Minutes: Corrected minutes were sent out earlier in the week. Dale pointed out that Futurity spelling needed to be corrected in minutes and clarified that MOPACA pays to clean the carpets after the MIAS show and Futurity pays to clean after their show and have carpet stored at the Royal. Dale Hoerl motioned to accept minutes with corrections. Patti Jones seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Patti Jones presented the Treasurers report. Reviewed membership renewal list- 40 members have renewed to date. Dian Trainer and Patti Jones will review the list of phone numbers of those not renewed and try to make contact.

Dian Trainer moved to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Diane Dickerson seconded. Motion carried.

Newsletter: Dale is has talked with Liz Valcamp. She will continue to help with newsletter. President usually writes a letter about MOPACA activities. Also includes a farm feature. It was suggested at last meeting to feature Brett & Lisa Villeneuve's farm. Gary wrote an article that he agreed can be published in our newsletter. Also should include the Ft. Leonardwood event and have Clarissa Wisner write. Include Ashley Otto's report on her trip to Peru. Dale and Susan could contribute an article about the neo-natal seminar. Also information on the Women in Ag event could be of interest.

Education Report: Patty Hasselbring reported that the Neo-natal seminar had 18 attendees. There were five nonmembers attending. One of the non-member farms joined MOPACA thanks to having the MOPACA packets with membership forms available. The total income was \$1697.60. The feedback was positive, comments on exceeding expectations, lots of information. Suggestions were received for a future seminar to focus on nutrition. Patty has already contacted Norm Evans about presenting at the winter seminar.

Patty also shared that there is an alpaca group called the Missouri Alpaca Keepers that has formed a page on Facebook as a way to network with other Alpaca farms in Missouri. The Hasselbrings have volunteered to host a meet and greet on their farm tentatively set for July 27th as a potluck. Patty suggested that MOPACA could act as host, have the logo on invitations.

May possibly be a way to connect with new farms that are not members. Dian Trainer suggested that MOPACA could provide beverages.

Patti shared that a suggestion was received for the MOPACA website to provide a page to list resources for hay, vets, shearers or fiber mills. It would need to be clear that it is not an endorsement of any company or individual. These suggestions would come from MOPACA members themselves. A survey will be sent out to members asking about their needs and who they currently use.

Grant: Patti Jones reported that we received a letter and report from Ashley Otto about her Peru trip with photos. It was very informational. Olivia Tardi was sent a letter to reapply in her junior year. Dian Trainer helped with the letter. No new requests were received.

2020 MIAS Show Progress: Patti Jones reported that Brett has contracts completed for Hale Arena and Show Judges. It was discussed to invite Brett to attend the next board meeting to give everyone an update on the work he has done and give board members an opportunity to ask questions. Patti encouraged the board to reach out to Brett at any time to ask questions. The absence of a more experienced Suri judge was discussed. It was suggested to survey show attendees about their thoughts on the show and judges. Can be done electronically and completed before the next March show.

Arena Carpet:

Britt received a price for grey indoor/outdoor carpet: a roll of 225 yards at \$6.99 yard.

Dale had checked with the Royal on number of rolls currently on hand is 17; they are 12 feet wide by 80-85 feet long. Should figure the amount of square feet needed to be 20,000. Amounts to about \$7,000 worth of carpet needed. Dale will ask the Futurity show to share in cost of replacing when a firm estimate is received. Dale also checked on the option of a carpet rental fee for each show: \$3500 cost per show which would be a pricey recurrent cost. He will also check with the Royal about disposing of the old carpet.

Britt will check the carpet pile to see if it is the same as what we are currently using and find out if company will deliver the carpet to the Royal.

New Business:

MIAS Budget Review: Dian Trainer presented a review of the MIAS show budget looking at cost effective ideas/suggestions that could be implemented while maintaining the show's level of excellence.

Old Business: table until next month.

Next Board Meeting will be July 11th at 8pm.

Adjourn- A motion was made by Dale Hoerl to adjourn. Susan Theroff seconded. Motion carried to adjourn.