



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

**Present:** Steve Rush, Terry Passanante, Theresa Kaiser, Sheri Jacoby, Patti Jones, Stacey Blank

The meeting was called to order by Steve Rush at 8:08pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 were approved without objection.

**Treasurer's report-** The 2017 budget was passed without objection. MOPACA memberships are now up to 54 as of this month!

It was reiterated that our membership dates are June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>

Patti Jones advised that PayPal only allows transfers every 21 days and only up to a certain amount for those transfers. Patti and Theresa are being extra careful to make sure that transfers happen as often as possible, so that MIAS has money on hand when needed for payments.

Patti advised that MIAS' register was in perfect standing, but Fiber U did not balance and they did not send in their reports, so Patti could not reconcile their accounts.

The treasurer's report was accepted without objection.

Update on the proposal to scan historical documents- Patti was able to do more research and found that most places, for example, Office Depot, UPS, and Staples were all comparable in price. Patti also found that it would be much cheaper to purchase a scanner and be able to use it year after year, then to pay to have all documents scanned and brought current and then keep up with yearly. Theresa mentioned that MOPACA already owned a printer/scanner, thought to be in the previous show coordinators possession. Patti advised that the printer we do own has a lot of problems and is not usable. Steve advised that he has a fast scanner and is

willing and able to scan MOPACA documents free of charge and put them on a flash drive. He also brought up the fact that recent legislation recommends keeping records 7-10 years and MOPACA bylaws state that we have to keep some records indefinitely. Patti was on board for this and will bring documents to Steve at MIAS show. No objections.

Update on proposal to reduce MOPACA banking accounts- Patti provide a copy of her proposal to all board members/officers prior to the meeting, and it will be posted in the MOPACA members area. Her proposal is to immediately reduce to one account for checking and one account for money market, with a deadline for when both MIAS and Fiber U accounts will be closed. Patti will then handle all transactions. Liz Mitchko requested that Steve ask that we not close the Fiber U account until the end of this year (2017) event, so that they may revise their contracts with instructors, for when and how Fiber-U vendors are paid. Theresa knows there are several things that have to be generated while at the MIAS show, the president or treasurer may have to be present to handle the payments in the future, but she thinks it is manageable. Patti requested that all financial info and check slips be sent to her within two weeks of the show/event this year. If that is agreeable then she agrees with waiting until after the 2017 MIAS and Fiber U to close those accounts. Steve motioned to accept the proposal, under the stipulation that the board members/officers would look closely at the proposal and if no changes were needed, the proposal was officially accepted. There were several seconds, no objections.

## **MIAS:**

Theresa advised that things are coming along nicely with the show. There have been additional fleece entries and she believes that we will now have enough for a qualified show. Last year we had approximately 400 halter registrations, we are currently at a little over 300 registrations with three more weeks to register. Theresa anticipates quite a few more entries.

The spinoff and fiber arts/skeins classes have been cancelled due to low entries. Those individuals will be refunded.

The show book is off to the printer.

All vendor spots have been sold.

MIAS has multiple high level sponsors, Theresa will check the exact number with Debbie.

Tracy Wheaton is heading up the volunteers and she has advised that we have several new volunteers.

There is a new lunch seminar this year with C&M Acres. It is a 1 hour free seminar discussing fleece qualities and the best uses for your fleece.

The show website is being kept up to date well.

There will be 3 alpaca 101 seminars during the show. MIAS will provide a coloring page for any children in attendance so the adults can listen. There will also be a value of the MOPACA membership flyer given out at the 101 sessions, placed in all show bags handed out and placed on the welcome tables for pick up/hand out.

We need to provide AOA with our 2018 show dates.

Liz Mitchko brought up to Steve that MOPACA has a list of banned people from showing and/or vending at MIAS. Theresa had not been made aware of this. Liz will provide the list to Steve and Theresa.

### **Web:**

Stacey advised that the MOPACA website has had an update to the value of our membership. There has also been a new page added under the members area for Camelid education, it holds the information to log into the KSU camelid videos. There has also been an update to the board/officers and committee's pages- adding and removing individuals.

### **Old Business:**

Election results from Liz Vahlkamp, election registrar:

*31 Ballots Received*

*31 Votes cast for Stacey Blank, Secretary*

*30 Votes cast for Beverly Stock, President*

*1 nomination for Liz Mitchko for Board*

*One comment on the Ballot- stating concern about Stacey Blank holding both the Secretary and Administrative Assistant positions. They advised to make sure that there were clear duties for each position. It was agreed by all that the concern is valid, Steve will go over those details with Stacey.*

## **MIAS 2018 Show Coordinator Search**

There are thoughts on a change of venue and time of year for the 2018 MIAS. There is a possibility of moving to the Royal American Governors Hall. Moving would be a price reduction of approximately \$5,000. or \$12,000 for the 2018 MIAS.

Debbie Hoerl has e-mailed and advised that she is willing to be the MIAS Show Chair for 2018.

Steve motioned to ask Debbie to resume the Show Chair in 2018. All were in favor, no objections.

### **New Business:**

Steve proposed to offer Liz Mitchko and Audrey Kruse free MOPACA memberships for the coordination of Fiber U, which needs to be shown in the Fiber U registrar as being taken care of from event “expenses”. No objections.

MOPACA will have an information setting at Fiber U this year.

A summary of survey results were provides to all board members/officers. It will be reviewed before Aprils meeting and discussed then.

The next meeting (April) will be held at MIAS.

**Proposal to adjourn by Steve at 9:56 pm CST.**