

MOPACA Board and Officers Meeting

March 19, 2019

Attendees: Britt Hasselbring, Susan Theroff, Dian Trainer, Sharon Heimes, Patti Jones, Dale Hoerl, Patty Hasselbring

Absent: Diane Dickerson

Meeting was called to order by Britt Hasselbring.

February Board Meeting Minutes: It was noted to correct grant recipients last name from Nissen to Otto. Patti Jones moved to accept the February minutes with corrections. Sharon Heimes seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Patti Jones presented the Treasurers report. There were no questions. Dian Trainer moved to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Dale Hoerl seconded. Motion carried.

Newsletter: Dale Hoerl is working on the newsletter, it is not complete yet.

Education Report: Patty Hasselbring reported that the Neo-natal seminar for May has 14 registered including the host. We have passed our breakeven point for this event. Can take up to 20 participants.

Ft. Leonard Wood event: April 6th. Two members, Clarissa Wisner and Liz Mitchko will attend and represent MOPACA. Expecting up to 1200 students to attend. Dale volunteered to check with Clarissa about bringing a Suri to represent the breed at the event. Dian Trainer asked if there would be handouts. Patty Hasselbring had some made. Sharon Heimes asked if we could add information about Alpaca Farm Days to hand out. Patty agreed and will create a separate handout. Also had banners made with the AOA alpaca etiquette outlined to help the public know how to act around alpacas. Dale Hoerl mentioned at a farm event he attended 3rd cuts of fiber were available for kids to take home in a small snack bag. It was discussed to have some raw fiber donated for kids to take. Any board member who wants to donate should bring to the show on Friday.

Grant: Patti Jones reported that she received a thank you note from Nicole O'Sell, she is ecstatic to receive grant. Check was mailed February 25th. Looking forward to reports from both grant recipients sometime in July.

Old Business:

Membership Committee at MOPACA show: Plan of action. Patti Jones waiting for final list of attendees. A few still need to finish paying. Once completed will send out list to Board members.

Sharon Heimes asked if we will know stall assignments. Dale is currently working on assignments.

Britt Hasselbring brought up discussion of whether we should have show attendees return unwanted ribbons at end of show to reuse. May help to be more cost effective in future. Patti Jones reported that MOPACA spent almost four thousand dollars this year on ribbons.

Discussion:

- Make an announcement at show about turning ribbons in.
- Create up to two collection sites/boxes in stall area or hallway between barn and arena
- When visiting with folks on Friday afternoon to mention to folks about turning ribbons in.

Show Coordinator Agreement: Patti Jones reported that when assumed role of Treasurer she had looked over documents/agreements from years past & streamlined the accounting from three accounts to one to keep better track of checks coming through. Main reason for new agreement is to make sure that request for payments will go through the Treasurer first for accountability. Will want to draw up an agreement so new coordinator will know what is expected of them. Agreements for judges and announcers are ten years old and also need to be updated. The finalized coordinator agreement was sent to Board.

Sharon Heimes added that it was discussed if we should have a vendor contract. Wording on coordinator contract was again discussed if coordinator should draw up contract vs. execute contract. It was agreed that the Board should draw up the contract. Patti Jones will change wording to execute and bring final copy to Britt to sign at show. Patti will also get other contracts needing updates scanned and sent to Board members to review.

Follow up with Andrea Nissen: Sharon Heimes reported that Andrea Nissen is now a member of MOPACA. She will forward email with Andrea's ideas for MOPACA to the Board for review. Andrea agreed to be in charge of the vendor booth at Fiber U and represent MOPACA.

Sharon also reported that Andrea is in process of organizing a Fiber Fun Day at Johnson Country Fairgrounds for July 13th. Will have spinning wheel races, vendors and kid oriented activities. Sharon suggested that it would be good to have a MOPACA representative there. Sharon can

attend to give info on fiber preparation and Alpaca 101 to fiber attendees. She will solicit volunteers to help with hands on activities.

Sharon also brought up for discussion to consider having a drawing for one free MOPACA membership made available for small fiber farms to encourage membership. Will be able to collect names for further contact and help identify these small fiber farms. Dian Trainer suggested might not hurt to have a couple of memberships available for the drawing.

New Business:

Sharon Heimes reported that access to the K State videos has been reset and are currently available to MOPACA for no charge or contract. They hope to have videos updated in future, until then we can use for free. In past MOPACA has paid \$250 for access. Sharon suggested we make a donation to the K State Alpaca herd. Patti Jones reported we do have a line item of \$500 available. Sharon Heimes motioned to send \$250 to K State University earmarked for support of Alpaca Herd. Information will be sent to Patti Jones. Dian Trainer seconded. Motion carried.

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

Adjourn- At 8:48 a motion was made by Sharon Heimes to adjourn. Dian Trainer seconded. Motion carried to adjourn.