

MOPACA Annual Membership Meeting January 25, 2020

President Dale Hoerl called meeting to order and welcomed guests. Patty Hasselbring was thanked for organizing today's seminar.

Dale invited Dr. Evans to share information on new book being released. Book will be available through LightLivestock.com in March. Will have updated information on dosages, reproduction and parasites.

Minutes: Secretary Susan Theroff read the minutes from the 2019 Membership meeting.

Membership Status Report: Currently at 53 members (5 fiber/business and 48 farm members).

Welcome to new board members, Brad Ryckert as Vice-President, Patti Jones as returning Treasurer and Barb Bernardi as Board Member. Thanks to outgoing Vice-President Dian Trainer and Britt Hasselbring as Board Member.

MOPACA Show Update: Being held March 28-29th at Hale Arena, KCMO. Early bird registration ends January 31st for discount on stalls. Volunteers are still needed and should contact Diane Dickerson. Silent auction items are needed as well and are asked to contact Patti Jones.

There will be a MOPACA education table at the show. Patty Hasselbring conducts the Alpaca 101 class during the show for the general public. Can have information at stalls to handout to visitors. Will need more volunteers to help at the education table. Volunteers is what keeps the show running smoothly.

Discussion of membership benefits:

Sharon Heimes suggested having a membership level specifically for small farms to make financially beneficial and encourage membership.

Benefits of a MOPACA membership:

- Organization is an advocate for education and networking and mentorship.
- MOPACA organization dovetails nicely with an AOA membership. Through MOPACA your openherd listings are shown on the website (over and above the AOA limit of 3 published listings).
- MOPACA will publish your farm events on the website and Facebook page.

Increasing MOPACA's reach to new farms and nonmember farms was discussed. Possibly have informative handouts available to members to pass on.

Thankyou to everyone for feedback and discussion.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brad Ryckert. Seconded by Sharon Heimes.