



MOPACA

MIDWEST ALPACA OWNERS AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the MOPACA Board/Officers' Meeting, 9th November, 2017

Present: Beverly Stock, Theresa Kaiser, Patti Jones, Stacey Blank, Steve Rush, Sherri Jacoby

The meeting was called to order by Steve Rush at 8:05pm.

Steve had a chance to meet Debbie and Charles Ashley, Debbie is Texalon's secretary. She indicated that their organization is having the same problems as MOPACA. We are not alone in needing volunteers! It seems to be a common problem, nationwide. Debbie will be attempting to come to the MOPACA show next year. It indicates how important MIAS is. Patti agrees that it is important. Patti asked about extending term limits for treasurer, especially. We have NINE people interested in this election, which is fantastic!

Minutes:

Minutes for September and October approved, motioned by Patti, second by Theresa. No objections.

Treasurer Reports:

Constant Contacts has gone up to \$45.00 per month. Sherri advised that mail chimp has free eblasts for up to 2,000.00. Stacey and Theresa will check into that. We have had 6 new memberships in the last 3 weeks. Patti is loving the new banking system.

Should we discontinue that show discount for joining after December? All in favor. We should also make sure that the early bird special is paid up front. We offer that to get income in before the close of registration to help cover the expenses of the show. We should re word on the website that they must be members before December 31st and pay for their stall before the end of the special. Motion made by Theresa Kaiser that discounts are only offered to members that join before December 31st. Second by Patti. No objections. Motion passed. Steve brought up that we needed to remind

Debbie that we now have an Act Of God Clause for the show, in the event that it is utilized, it wont be held against the show coordinator in regards to the budget. Theresa will email Debbie about this new motion and the Act Of God Clause.

October Treasurer Report motion to accept by Beverly, second by Sherri. No Objections.

2018 budget-

Therea wanted to know if there were any signed contracts from Debbie, and if they would be changing money from money market is included In the budget.

Winter seminar budget is in, its good, shows a projected negative \$10.00.

Steve thinks that Debbie should modify the show budget and that will be added into the 2018 show budget. Budget will be voted on next month. Patti asked about the \$1,000.00 donation to students, should we continue? Steve advised that AOA did put something in their magazine for recognition to MOPACA. Will re visit next month.

Winter Seminar-

The speakers are Sally Brenn, Judy Glazer and Bud S. (from AOA)

Theresa advised that we need to start advertising the winter seminar. Theresa will follow up with Sharon for flyer for the eblast.

Newsletter-

No one has heard from Liz Vahlkamp on the newsletter progress. Steve advised that this is pretty important. Stacey Blank said she could take over after the election, if necessary. Steve never heard back from the university on an insert for the newsletter. Beverly will email Liz. No other volunteers to take over the newsletter.

Fall Election-

Ballot: November 13th 2017 deadline

Treasurer- Patti Jones

2 board positions- Dian Peckham and Britt Hasselbring

Steve advised that their Bios should have information on the direction they want to move in with MOPACA. We will ask Dian Trainer (willing candidate) to run for Vice President. Steve will follow up with Sarah Barnett for her Bio. Steve will contact the Reisinger's (Possible interest in taking over the MIAS coordinating) to ask them about the show. Patti will forward the contact information to Steve.

Both Constant Contacts and Survey Monkey have been looked into for the election. The Admin Manual allows for online or paper voting. Will make a social media announcement about the the election and also on the website. Steve will leave a voice message about electronic voting for all 39 members. The board agreed that the ballot would go out November 20th, and allow for two weeks to vote. Stacey will get the ballot out. Stacey will send a draft out before the official ballot.

Committee

Should MIAS committee volunteers be members? It was decided that volunteers do not need to be members, but the show coordinator and web person must be members of MOPACA.

Website

Stacey spoke about the website and issues with not having all of our important information in one place, or in any place that is easy to access, especially with board members changing etc. Last Pass will be put into place for all important data. The Administrative Assistant, Secretary and Treasurer will hold the password. No Objections. Chris will keep Steve updated on Fiber U domain transfer of ownership. Liz and Audrey will pay for the transfer.

New Business

We need to update the Admin Manual and include the deletion of Fiber U and addition of Associate Level. All board members/ Officers should look at their specific section and send Steve any Updates. Steve volunteers to help with the update in January once off the board.

Liz/Audrey are expecting to sign an agreement for transfer of ownership from MOPACA to Fiber U, the deadline to have this complete should be January. Beverly suggested that having a free Fiber pick up for MOPACA members should be included in the terms. No Objections.

Meeting adjourned 9:52 pm, motion by Steve

