

MAA Annual Member Meeting  
Maine Farm Bureau - Augusta  
November 3, 2019

The meeting opened at 11:30AM

Attendees: Anne, Judy, Ginny, Marilyn  
9 Members

**President:** Anne Gobes gave the welcoming address.

- ❖ There are three Board positions open for 2020-2022. Anne asked for volunteers or for members to put forth nominations.
- ❖ Anne stated the organization goals need to be redesigned for 2020 and would like to have a committee formed to work on them by the members.
- ❖ She asked the members for suggestions on the topic(s) for the March 2020 Member meeting. The March 2019 Fiber Workshop in Gray was very well attended.
  - o Some suggestions were diversification, local sourced products, farm insurance, and agritourism. Anne asked that the members email her with their ideas.
- ❖ Anne stated that we had 28 members vs. 32 in the previous year.
  - o By adding the Associate level we could approach our Vets, Shearers and Feed suppliers to join and they would be able to advertise on our web page. The youth level would hopefully encourage young members to become involved with alpaca farming.

**Treasurer:** Marilyn Plowman

- ❖ Marilyn presented the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed the financials and All were in agreement with the Report.

**Secretary:** Judy Mullins

- ❖ Judy presented the Secretary's report. All were in agreement with it as written. She stated that she had brought the alpaca lollipops to the meeting if anyone wanted to purchase them for their farm stores. Ginny spoke up that she would like 25. She paid Marilyn for them.

**Miscellaneous:**

- ❖ Maine Farm Bureau Membership and Benefits – Discount on insurance, support legislative agriculture efforts, quarterly magazine, can purchase a Farm Liability Sign for \$15, separate farm membership is \$89/year.
- ❖ Jan & Craig Waangard of Farm in the Meadow have sold their farm. They have some farm equipment for sale.
- ❖ Judy and Dave McAfee are selling their alpacas. They have 7 girls and 5 boys.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Mullins, Secretary