

## MAA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/12/13

Place: Lois' house

Present: Ginny, Mike, Bill, Alan, Lois

### Topics of discussion:

1. It was suggested that at one or more of our meetings, we could ask individual members to talk about unusual personal experiences they had with their alpaca.
2. How do we get together a nominating committee when all of our members are so busy? It was decided that a list of the MAA members will be equally divided among the MAA Board members. Each of us will personally contact the members on our list to see if they would be willing to run for the Board.
3. Pam sent out an email to everybody asking that she be notified if they intended to be open for National Alpaca Week-end. She will advise Bill of those that will be open so he can post the farms on our website.
4. We chose the Great Wall of China on Anthony Ave. in Augusta for our next MAA member's meeting. Lois will contact them to make sure we can book a room. Pam and Lois will set up the price for the buffet.
5. It was voted that Board members pay ½ the membership fee. Last year the membership fee for Board members was waived.
6. Lois will ask Northern Solstice Farm to hand out information on the MAA on National Alpaca Week-end since they live so close to the Common Ground Fair which is being held the same week-end.
7. Our speaker for our next MAA meeting on Oct. 4 will be Shane Savage from a new type of "pet" pharmacy.
8. We need to remind members to give us their farm business cards for our MAA display at fairs.
9. Lois will contact Tori Jackson from UMI to continue speaking to us on marketing at the meeting in January.
10. Pam Drew has requested that someone else be Treasurer as she has held that position since 2008. She will work with that person as she has another year on the Board.
11. Our next Board meeting will be on Jan. 6, 2016 at the Ag Show in Augusta.

Submitted by: Lois Brace/President