

MAA Board Minutes

5/9/15

Present: Lois B., Ginny R., Pam D., and Bill M.

Place: Lois's house

By a unanimous decision, we all decided that since we have not used Constant Contact in a few years, we should cancel it. Pam will do this as the renewal is coming up soon.

Tori Jackson is sending a camelid survey to Lois for our MAA members. We will send this to all and Pam will send it to the yahoo group members as well.

Since Tori Jackson has offered her experience in marketing to all of us, we would like to invite her to one of our Board meetings. It would also be a good idea to invite her again as a speaker, to another member meeting so she can continue giving us some good points on marketing.

We plan to go ahead with setting up the MAA Booth at Fiber Frolic, even though we had no volunteers to help us man it. Lois has to check with Tami to make sure it's not too late. Bill has offered to help set it up on Friday evening. The thought of setting it up near Pam Harwood, if she is attending, was mentioned. Then we would know someone would be there to check on it. Lois will check with Pam.

Maybe we can set up a NEAFP collection of fiber next year at Fiber Frolic. We have to check into this.

Bill will make a page on the MAA web-site for Open Farm Day, listing all the farms that will be participating. We will get an e-mail out to all members to see if they are participating this year.

Our MAA member's list has been updated and Open Herd is now up to date. We still have members who are not taking advantage of using Open Herd.

It was suggested that Board members pay a part of the membership fee. We all want all Board members to be at the meeting to make this decision.

Bill will investigate the link to the State about composting dead alpacas and will post it. We can also check with Pam Harwood.

Other speakers suggested for our meetings were Becky Smith, and Jean Anderson on handling alpacas and Richard Thiebaut (please excuse spelling if incorrect) on fodder. It was suggested that we ask him to speak to the MAA members at our next meeting at Fiber Frolic if he is already there.

Lois mentioned that Stacy & Tom from Abbot Farm have more alpaca throws available for \$130 each, limited to 2 per farm. They are also preparing for collection of fiber (grades 1-4) to have blankets made for 2016.

Linda Bolewicz from MAA of Western Oregon wants to coordinate a Spin-Off with us . She requested MAA member's e-mails. Lois asked her to send the information to us and that we would send out an e-mail to all members.

We had a discussion on "how can the MAA help a member in need?" If something unexpected happens to one of our members and there is a need to disperse & sell all their animals asap, how can we help them? We all want them to go to good homes. How can we do this without "stepping on another's toes", as most of us are in the business of selling our animals. This is tabled for another discussion.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Pam.

Respectfully submitted ,

Lois Brace - President