

## MAA BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2017

**PRESENT:** Anne Gobes, Judy Mullins and Ginny Rebar.

**ABSENT:** Marilyn Plowman, Bill Morgan, Mike O'Brien

**Unable to Attend:** Vice President Position is still open

The meeting was held at Anne's Cape Newagen Alpaca Farm, Southport, ME

### DISCUSSIONS:

- ❖ **WE NEED FIBER FROLIC VOLUNTEERS for June 3 & 4!** So far Anne can cover some of the time on Saturday, Mike will help in between covering his own table and Judy can cover some of the time on Sunday. If we can't get enough coverage help it appears that maybe we shouldn't bother to have a presence at the Fiber Frolic. We discussed possibility of signing up as a vendor to be able to sell.
- ❖ Anne had sent out a survey for volunteers for the Fiber Frolic using google. Mail Chimp is currently in use by the MAA. This service is fee based. Anne found that she obtains the same outcomes via Google for no cost. She will look into benefits of Mail Chimp vs. Google.
- ❖ Gary Anderson will present at the June 10<sup>th</sup> general meeting. The topic will be Farm Biosecurity. All present agreed to provide him with the book, Llama and Alpaca Care, as a gift for speaking. Anne will see if he owns the book prior to purchase.
- ❖ Anne spoke with the Saco Mill, while she was investigating their mill services. They lease space at the mill for the dehairing machine. She stated that although the mill is a dye house and does not spin yarn, there is space for us to hold a meeting and be given a tour.
- ❖ Anne had a proposal from Shawn Malloy of Kentucky Royalty Fibers. Shawn's proposal was on producing alpaca socks from Maine fibers. The labels would indicate U.S Maine made with the Maine Alpaca Association logo also on the label. Since we did not have a quorum to discuss this proposal, it was tabled until all board members could review the proposal. Board members will be requested to vote via email whether we should send this out to the membership for review.
- ❖ Jill McElderry-Maxwell has agreed to continue to produce the Newsletter. We just have to get articles for her. We should keep our submissions to one topic, i.e., a short summary of our farms and some photos. Anne has asked members to focus on farm photos and open farm days.
- ❖ Marilyn and Anne were able to get the bank information transferred over from Pam and are awaiting the new debit cards.

**2017 MEETING DATES:**

**Members:**

- **June 10, 2017 – Great Wall Buffet, Augusta**
- **October 22, 2017 – TBD**