

MAINE ALPACA ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAY 16, 2012

The Maine Alpaca Association Board of Directors met at the home of Karen Woods of Maine Woods Alpacas Farms. Overlooking the beautiful pond, fields and alpacas, Robin Fowler, Jeannine Anderson, Tami Wayboer, Karen Woods & Ky Wolterbeek discussed upcoming events and goal assessments of the organization. Ann Sylvester was unable to attend this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: has grown to 64 farms. This growth is exciting! We discussed the need to improve the timeline of annual dues being collected. Introducing paypal option helped but we still have outstanding dues. We acknowledge that non-payment is usually simply due to busy lives and overlooking the dues, but we do not want to end up in a position of "nagging" our membership nor do we want to be faced with the decision of not allowing a member to participate because of lack of payment.

WEB-SITE: Currently still being worked on, but is just about there! Test run will be sometime in June.

NEWSLETTER: We released the electronic newsletter and received lots of positive feedback. We'd like to get more folks contributing. This is a great opportunity for membership to place ads, tell their stories, etc.

FIBER FROLIC: Discussions around location and attracting more exhibitors. MAA booth has several volunteers, but as always we would like to see more people volunteering--especially for the break down and clean up.

SHEERING CO-OP: Jeannine did a great job corresponding with the membership and handling requests as well as volunteers for this project. There was only limited interest but it was decided that it clearly is a good opportunity and we will continue to pursue having the co-op.

ALPACA WELFARE/HUSBANDRY: We talked about ways to make a "one time save" for people who end up in a bind, especially with hay. Perhaps a "hay bank" where members would donate a couple of bales which we could donate to someone in need on a one-time basis.

FIRST ANNUAL MAA GALA: We will be asking membership to suggest ideas for location and events to be held at our first MAA Holiday Gala. This is a wonderful opportunity for

members to gather and enjoy great food, conversation, music?, and fun. It will be held in the evening so that folks who work can attend.

FUTURE MEETINGS: It was decided that we would share the duties around meeting responsibilities (location, meeting agenda, informational piece, etc.)

Ky & Robin will cover the holiday gala, Jeannine will take care of the June 23rd meeting, and Karen will handle September 15th.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Needs to be addressed for upcoming board vacancies. Talk it up with membership to get some folks interested in serving. If we start now we will be prepared for the BOD openings in January.

GOAL LIST: Looking good! The web-site is operating in an effective manner and well on the way to being a goal which has been achieved. The newsletter is also up and running and we just need to continue to get member ads, stories, pictures, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Ky Wolterbeek

Secretary