

## MAA Member Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2016

A short meeting was held at the UMA Cooperative Extension in Lisbon Falls during our lunch break at the Seminar: Alpaca and Llama School .

Attendance was split with members and non-members (25). The school was completely booked and a great success. Our speakers were: Tori Jackson, Rick Kersbergen, and Gary Anderson, all from UMaine Extension. Later on Laila Roukounakis of Graceland Alpaca Farm and Dr. Meghan Flanagan, Annabessacook Veterinary Clinic spoke to us.

We had a social gathering and sign-up. Each person was asked to introduce his or herself. Lois addressed the group, explaining the goals of the MAA and offering help to non-members. All were told about our newsletter and asked for their ideas and what they would like to hear at our meetings. It was explained that we don't always need to have a speaker as we have many knowledgeable and talented members who we could ask to speak on a specific subject. It is very important to help by volunteering when asked. We'll need help at the Hall of Flags in the Capital on March 17<sup>th</sup> and also coming up is Fiber Frolic at the Windsor Fairgrounds on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

It was also mentioned that we don't necessarily have to meet at a restaurant. It might be a good idea to meet at a member's farm for a meeting. We could also have gatherings, like workshops, at our homes for just a few who are interested in some education on a "how to" such as building a web-site, selling online, making tags, sleeves for your yarn, etc.

Pam Drew went over the Treasurer's report. She talked about the new Camelid book by Chris Cebra and David Anderson which we will be ordering for the camelid veterinarians as a gift from the MAA. Members can purchase it on Amazon for approx. \$ 133.82. This is the cheapest price she could find.

After the meeting we departed to Graceland Alpaca Farm to continue with the program. The weather was good and the seminar was great.

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