

## MAA BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2017

**PRESENT:** Anne Gobes, Bill Morgan, Judy Mullins, Mike O'Brien, Marilyn Plowman and Ginny Rebar.

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

The meeting was held at the Great China Wall, Augusta ME at 10:00 AM before the general meeting

### **DISCUSSIONS:**

- ❖ Anne spoke to Victoria Greene. Victoria is stepping down as the MAA Vice President.
- ❖ Mike will bring the "black box" to the Maine Ag Day. He will set up the display booth. He and Anne will be there and we will ask for additional volunteers at the general meeting. Although we will have a presence there, we cannot sell any items.
- ❖ Ginny spoke with Tori. Tori and staff are extremely busy at this time of the year so she was unable to attend the board meeting to discuss the survey results with us. Ginny said that Gary Anderson would be willing to present a discussion on Farm Bio-Security. She will check with him on his schedule and then we can determine what general meeting will work for him
- ❖ Anne had asked Ginny if possibly Gary Anderson could present at the June general meeting.
- ❖ Ginny had suggested that instead of us holding the general meeting after the last day of the Fiber Frolic in June that maybe we could do it as a breakfast before the day started. After discussions back and forth it was determine that several members are vendors at the Fiber Frolic and would not be able to attend, including some board members.
- ❖ Judy spoke about still investigating the possibility of us being able to livestream Web Video conferencing. Right now all she has been able to determine is that most are geared towards large business not a small venue. She will contact some other 501c3 organizations to see if they utilize any means of remote conferencing. Another idea put forth by Bill was to video the meetings and then post them on the MAA website. Bill will investigate the captured video size constraints for the website.
- ❖ Mike has not as yet connected with the Saco Mill to determine if it would be possible to hold our Fall general meeting there. He will do so shortly.
- ❖ Bill is still checking on creating a framed area on the MAA home page that highlights member farm names. These farms would have to have updated info in Open Herd.
- ❖ Ginny suggested that we start some form of a "Service Award". Judy made the motion to accept. Bill seconded the motion and all were in favor. Ginny will make the arrangements to have a plaque made to present to Pam for all her dedicated years of hard work.

- ❖ Anne needs to check that all the passwords have been changed and Mail Chimp is updated.
- ❖ Jill McElderry-Maxwell has agreed to continue to produce the Newsletter. We just have to get her articles for her.
- ❖ Marilyn will meet with Pam after the general meeting to go over the Treasurer info. She will also make the switch of authorized user at the bank.

**2017 MEETING DATES:**

**Members:**

- **June 2017 – TBD**
- **October 22, 2017 – TBD**