



Maine Alpaca Association Board of Directors Meeting September 15th, 2012

The Maine Alpaca Association Board of Directors met at Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm prior to the membership meeting from 11am-12pm. Robin Fowler, Tami Wayboer, Karen Woods & Ann Sylvester were present for the meeting. Ky Wolterbeek and Jeannine Anderson were unable to attend this meeting. The following is a recap of the topics covered during the meeting.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee is up and running. The committee will be reaching out to general membership as well as current directors to solicit interest in filling the upcoming opening seats. The committee will offer position descriptions as well and connect those with interest up with current directors for more information about the experience and requirements when serving.

Membership Dues: We also discussed the need to improve the timeline of annual membership 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. We agreed to send out an early reminder and seek a commitment from members in advance to pay dues on time.

WEBSITE: The new site has just recently been available for viewing. We are asking membership to begin going through the process of checking for any misinformation, updating their open herd so that their individual farm information is accurate and send in workshops, seminars, members in the news or any note worthy information for our site. Lots more work needed to put the meat on the bones.

NEWSLETTER: We released the second electronic newsletter and received lots of positive feedback. Please, send us any tidbits that we can put into the newsletters. The recent article that Terry Callery published on stacking hay was of great benefit to several members. We'd like to get more folks contributing. This is a great opportunity for membership to place ads, tell their stories, etc.

Blanket Project: Claudia Reasler will be sending out new information on getting the blanket project up and running again. There will be many positive changes based on the learnings from last year's production. An email from Claudia will be coming out soon!

FIRST ANNUAL MAA GALA: Ky is working on the plans for our first MAA Holiday Gala. More details to follow.