



Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2006

Present: Pam Harwood, Cindy Lavan, Al Maloney, Raini Perry

Absent: Anita Cooper

Minutes of 3/6/06 BOD meeting accepted. They will be posted in the Members Only section of the website.

I Treasurer's Report

Once again lost \$ on the membership lunch (\$94.94). Rather than increase the \$10 cost to attend, the BOD voted to increase from \$300 to \$400 the meeting subsidy. **Al** is working on the budget to be presented for approval at the next membership meeting on June 18th.

II Fiber Frolic

Raini Perry: more speakers are needed. **Pam** to check with John Ames about "Fencing". There will be no official 4-H involvement this year. Livestock insurance is available for a nominal fee to those who bring their alpacas to fairs. The link is <http://www.maine4h.umaine.edu/meins/default.htm>

III Fundraising

Pam Harwood to ask Nancy Durst to head up Vet Fund Raffle at Fiber Frolic.

Additional donations needed:

Ridge Mist?

Ames Farm Center?

Fiber Processing? MAA to contribute \$100 towards certificate

Blue Seal & Poulin Feeds?

IV Marketing

Review of minutes from 3/19/05 state that all the monies raised by the online auction are to go to MAA. The MAA BOD interprets this as these

funds are to be divided in the same percentage as dues: 50% Marketing Fund, 25% Education Fund, and 25% Operating Expenses.

V Education

Pam Harwood to check with **Dawn Brooker** to see when advertising is slated to begin for the Cameron Holt seminar in November.

VI Membership

Almost all membership renewals are in. BOD has appointed **Raini Perry** to be the Membership Committee Chair. As such, she will send a renewal letter to the farms which have not yet renewed. **Al Maloney** will continue to maintain the website list of Members.

VII Old Business

A. Discussion: Change from 501(c) 6 to 501 (c) 5 requires change of by-laws to be voted on by the membership before paperwork can be submitted to AOBA for membership. The BOD decided to broaden the scope of what was approved at the 3/18/06 membership meeting to include a review of all by-laws. Following a meeting of the new By-Laws committee, **Claudia Raessler** will present proposed changes to the membership, and **Pam Harwood** will serve on that committee (with Dan Mingle, Pam Drew, and Claudia) as Liaison.

B. Members are reminded to submit agenda items for the upcoming membership meeting to the BOD with a brief description. This helps members who travel long distances to decide whether they will attend. The agenda will be sent with the meeting announcement, therefore please submit your agenda items at your earliest convenience.

VIII New Business

Discussion: Alpaca Rescue - should MAA have resources available as the Maine herd ages and fiber males increase in number?

Next BOD meeting is Monday, June 12, 2006

Next Membership meeting is Sunday, June 19, 2006 at the Augusta Civic Center