



Maine Alpaca Association Board of Directors Meeting June 4th, 2011 Location-Fiber Frolic

A 90 minute Board meeting was held at the Windsor Fairgrounds during the Fiber Frolic. Jennifer Caldwell-Jeans, Robin Fowler, Jill McElderry-Maxwell and Tami Wayboer were present. Ginny Rebar and Jeannine Anderson were unable to attend.

- I. Robin officially welcomed Tami Wayboer to the group as the newest director and we discussed her area of focus in integrating an alpaca presence at Maine Agricultural Events.
- II. The Board discussed the evolution of the proposed Focus Groups, a proposed move towards a more social meeting style, and an increased emphasis on mutual learning from and among members. The resources that membership have available in the area of time is extremely limited yet the wish list of goals is significant. Tasks will be assigned to focus groups one at a time so that work can move along quickly and folks don't become overwhelmed with daunting to do lists. The past few membership meetings were designed to create an environment of positive idea sharing and problem solving with membership providing education to one another. The feedback sheets from the meetings have been very positive about continuing on with this format and continuing to move the meetings to a variety of settings including member farms. We will share this focus group approach with membership at the next meeting, June 12th.
- III. Areas to be resolved in the immediate future include final revisions to the bylaws, Maine Alpaca Open Farm Day date and any advertising planned for this event. As soon as focus groups are up and running we can begin moving on our goal list. Jennifer has agreed to contact all focus group members and begin the process of setting up meeting dates.
- IV. Meeting close