

**Subject:** [MaineAlpaca] Minutes from March 22nd Meeting

**From:** AGrant7108@aol.com

**Date:** Mon, 7 Apr 2008 08:59:52 EDT

**To:** MaineAlpaca@yahoogroups.com



MAA Membership Meeting  
Minutes  
prepared by Patricia Houde

Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 12:10, the member's meeting was called to order by Raini Perry with a brief introduction of attendees. There was a preview of the picture frame slide show used at the Maine Trade Show.

Secretary's Report was approved with a motion, that was seconded by Peter Morrin, motion passed.

No Treasurer's report at this time while new bod is still in transition phase.

#### Committee Reports -

Marketing - Pam Harwood reported on the recent marketing survey stating there were many good ideas to be gained from them. Marketing has a good sense of direction and will be putting together a plan. Marketing committee is looking for more volunteers.

Education - No report, Dawn Brooker was unable to attend. There was a short discussion about the Maine State Open Farm weekend taking place in July.

Fiber Frolic - Nancy Williams spoke about the 60 vendors and exhibitors showing at the Fiber Frolic, which is free to whomever wishes to show. All they ask in return is that they donate 3 hours of volunteer service. Three sponsors have signed on so far. There will be the need to set up an additional tent at the fairgrounds this year. Jan Wanggaard is looking for volunteers for an Alpaca 101 talk. Please contact her with your ideas about camelid care and husbandry for this seminar.

Fundraising - Pam Drew asked for more knitted or crocheted squares to be donated for the annual vet fund afgan raffle.

Membership - Jill McElderry-Maxwell passed out a survey that will help the committee work up a New Member packet.

President's Report - Raini Perry discussed the use of the yahoo group, announcing the 5 new BOD members and titles. Use of the group to send e-mail to the new BOD can be totally

anonymous if the sender chooses.

Pam Harwood reported that the Drug Formulary has been mailed to all of the camelid vets that take of our alpacas and we have already received one "thank you" from Dr. Tom Judd.

Pam Drew reported on the affiliate Status. The AOBA requirement that an affiliate have 90% of it's membership be farm members of AOBA may render MAA not to qualify for acceptance. A suggestion to make 2 classes of membership in order to qualify was discussed. MAA does not want to force any of it's members to have to become an AOBA farm member. The benefits of becoming an AOBA affiliate were discussed. Before MAA proceeds, it will need to take a count of current membership and whom among are AOBA farm members. There was a motion to pursue an alternative structure in order to qualify for affiliate status which was seconded. Discussion was then put to the membership if MAA would be better served to become a NEAOBA member which would be less costly, a better regional benefit and strength. A motion to amend was raised and seconded by Nicole Carter to research and list both the pros and cons for becoming either an AOBA and an NEAOBA affiliate. Amendment passed.

Raini Perry discussed the State of Maine Supplemental budget issues. It was agreed there wasn't enough information presented to the membership to have an opinion at this time.

The meeting was adjourned and guest speaker Bill Seekins from the Maine Dept. of Agriculture was introduced for his presentation on Farm Compost Basics.

Next meeting: Saturday, June 7th at the Sugar House at the Fiber Frolic at 5:00.

Those attending the meeting were:

Dinah Hardy and Leo Aubin -- Dinah's Dream Alpaca Farm  
Patricia Perry and Bruce Weymouth -- Fox Hill Alpacas  
Paula Ickeringill -- Sea Hill Farm  
Ken & Claudia Raessler -- Royal River Alpaca Co.  
Red and Connie Laliberte -- Misty Acres Alpaca Farm  
Jill McElderry-Maxwell -- Bag End Suri Alpacas  
Peter and Theresa Morrin -- Journey's End Alpacas  
Jeff Erickson -- Sunday River Alpacas  
Linda Smith -- Casco Bay Alpacas  
Steffi McKeith -- Kezar River Farm  
Pam Harwood -- Longwoods Alpacas  
Pam Drew -- Pamelamas, LLC  
Abby Fitzgerald -- Blueberry Alpacas  
Corry Pratt -- Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm  
Frank, Geri, and Joe Gabriel -- Lakewood Alpaca Farm  
Jan and Craig Wanggaard -- Farm in the Meadow  
Pat, Lisa and Richard Houde -- Alpaca Fields  
Raini Perry -- Raini Ridge Farm  
Nancy Williams -- NEWAIM Farm  
Nicole Carter -- Upper Farm Alpacas  
Paul and Tammy Cheney -- Half Horse Farm

---

Planning your summer road trip? Check out [AOL Travel Guides](#).