



Membership Meeting Minutes
Sunday, June 18, 2006
Augusta Civic Center

Present: Dawn & John Brooker, Nicole Carter, Paul & Tammy Cheney, Pam Harwood, Christy Hemenway, Cindy Lavan, Al Maloney, Dick Porter, Marianne Roberts, Don & Pam Scipione,

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM (Originally scheduled to begin at 11 AM – we had to wait until we had a quorum, therefore we invited our guest speaker, Alan Perry of Bedrock Soil Balancing Services, to speak about pasture/fertilizer management.)

I. President's Report

Cindy Lavan reports that the earliest we can submit our membership application to AOBA is Sept/Oct., pending results of by-law subcommittee meeting(s).

II. Secretary's Report

Dick Porter made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 2006 meeting; seconded and approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Dick Porter made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; seconded and approved.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Marketing, **Cindy Lavan:** Marketing Committee is holding off spending money for advertising until we can do so efficiently with AOBA membership discounts.

B. Education, **Dawn Brooker:** Venue for Cameron Holt Fiber Seminar is the Doubletree Hotel in Portland. Less costly than Marriott. Scheduled for November 18-19. Space available for up to 50 attendees, therefore registration will go to MAA members first. Once the deadline is past, if there is still room, registration will open up to out-of-staters – first come first served. The committee will pursue the idea of farm and business sponsorships to defray expenses, thereby bringing down the proposed registration fees.

C. Website, **Al Maloney**

A few banner ads (\$30/month) and Marketplace ads have sold (\$5.00/year to place your ad for general or stud services; products, fiber, farm

equipment, etc for sale), an events calendar, and more resource articles. The “Snapshot” has been well-received, but we need more – please contact Wendy Eaton for the form to have a “Snapshot” of your farm on the website. This puts a “face” to Maine Alpaca Breeders. The website remains a work in progress, so members’ comments and suggestions are welcome.

D. Fundraising (Vet Fund and General Fund), Cindy Lavan:

1. MAA’s booth saw a lot of traffic, and many thanks go to the volunteers who sold tickets for the Alpaca Throw. We raised \$300, and the winner, Lori Harley from Portland is thrilled with her throw.
2. Need ideas for fundraising at NE Coastal Classic – Dutch Action? Silent Auction?

E. Fiber Frolic, Raini Perry: Fiber Frolic was last weekend, June 10-11. Despite the occasional downpour, it was well-attended.

V. New Business

2006 Budget presented by Al Maloney (see attached): Dick Porter made a motion to accept the budget as proposed; seconded and approved.

Next meeting is Saturday, November 4, 2006, 11 AM at the Augusta Civic Center.
Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Harwood
Secretary