

**MAA Minutes November 19, 2005
Marriot at Sable Oakes, Portland, ME**

Present: John & Dawn Brooker, Al Maloney, Cindy Mingle, Marcel & Jill Valliere, Martha Hill, Carole Baker, Earlene Ingram, Kate Martin, Kylie Card, Pam Harwood, Al Maloney, Pam Drew, Pam and Don Scipione, Craig & Jan Wanggaard, Joe Gabriel, Marty Moore, Lisa and Pat Houde, Lori Malloy, Sophie Majchrzak, Wendy Eaton, Leo Aubin, Dinah Hardy

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Cindy Mingle, president

Secretary's Report

The secretary's minutes from the last meeting, 6-18-05, were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Account Summary as of 11/19/2005	Current Balance	2005 Expenditures	Notes
Fixed Line Items			
Web Site Fees (fixed budget = \$300)	\$0.00	\$124.00	Now funded under operating expenses
State Fees (fixed budget = \$60)	\$15.00	\$35.00	
Federal Filing Fee (one time budget = \$400)	\$400.00	\$0.00	
Apportioned Line Items			
Marketing (25%)	\$283.94	\$1,176.84	
Education (25%)	\$1,309.86	\$125.92	
Operating Expenses (50%)	\$708.75		
Special Accounts			
Catering	-\$60.56	\$1,111.43	
Vet Ed Fund	\$5,099.85	\$100.00	
Auction 2005	\$6,450.00		
Genetics Seminar	\$4,096.15	\$638.85	This is expected to break even when all bills are paid
Current account balance	\$18,302.99	\$3,312.04	2005 Expenses

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Website/Marketing

Banner Ads will be going up in the next week. Cost \$30/month. There is room for 4 banner ads on the home page of the website. Funds raised can be put towards promoting the website.

"Farm of the Month" is due to change soon. Guidelines for members to prepare the info will be posted in the members section of the site so that the info and photos are ready when a farm has been randomly selected.

MAA Display Map with farms is currently at Al's. Anyone who has an event and would like to display it should contact Al.

Education

Will look into a birthing panel discussion for a spring meeting.

Feedback on the Genetics Seminar is appreciated.

Dr. Barb Perkins is working with the MLLA/MAA on teaching a seminar for vets.

Vet Fund

Oct 15 and 16, 2005 NECC Raffle- \$895 Silent Auction- \$1350. Thanks to all!

We have funds that should be allocated to vets for education. Members should contact a board member with the vets name and activity. It was also suggested that Norm Evans revised book be made available to vets.

Nominating Committee:

Pam Drew, Jan Wanggaard, and Gay DeHart have agreed to present a slate of names for 2 board positions that will expire in January. Both are two year terms. Slate must be presented 2 wks prior to election at the Jan 8th meeting.

Open Farm Days

20 farms participated. Advertising- \$522

Craig Wanggaard has offered to design a form to calibrate Open Farm Day success. He will send it through Yahoo.

Group decided on October 28-29, 2006 for Maine Open Farm next year.

Livestock Insurance

AI reports that the Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors is offering liability insurance for fairs at \$10/family. More information at

<http://www.maine4h.umaine.edu/LivestockInsuranceExplanation.pdf>

Selenium Update

AI reports that Norm Evans stated at a recent gathering that his alpaca grain (Blue Seal) has had to lower its selenium content from 4ppm to 1.5ppm due to federal regulations. This is not enough selenium for alpaca's needs, so Dr. Evans suggests top dressing the grain with Mineral Blend.

National ID System

Premises ID info can be found at www.idmaine.info

Information on individual animal ID not finalized. Feds have decided not to fund the national system, so it may now be the animal industry that funds it.

Breed Standards

Northeast Alpaca Type Conference is December 10, 2005 in Springfield, MA. This is a chance to have input into a position statement from the Northeast Region. For more info:

www.empirealpacaassociation.com

Maine Agricultural Show is coming up in January. AI will check into the space availability for MAA to have a booth.

Fiber Frolic 2006 is scheduled for June 10 and 11, 2006. Volunteers always needed!

MAA Goals for 2006

Birthing Seminar at Spring Meeting?

Each Committee charged with coming up with goals for the next three years

Next MAA meeting, Sunday January 8, 2006 at the Augusta Civic Center.