



Membership Meeting
December 2, 2007
Great Wall Buffet, Augusta

14 people attended, 10 farms, not enough people for quorum

Treasures report, Brian reviewed

No committee reports

Old Business:

Open Farm Day Consolidation, should we have it on only one day, discussed but will further discuss at January Meeting when more people are present.

Non profit status –

Claudia and Brian are continuing to fine tune and going forth.

Still work in progress

Claudia is getting stuff from AI.

Raini will go back to the Board to discuss

Question was brought up, What does being an AOBA affiliate get us????

This needs to be discussed and presented as an agenda item for January meeting

We need to know the pros and cons

Comparison benefit for farms

For next meeting let people know what's on agenda so they will be available to Vote.

Nominating Committee

4 positions open

two one year and two 2 year

MaryAnne Roberts and Brian are stepping down

Vote will take place at Annual Membership Meeting in January

Ideas of marketing

Scrap book pages produced by MAA members

Computerized slide show, members could send agriculturally based photos of farm. No farm advertising. Photos of shearing, alpacas as live stock, breeding, birthing, products

Birth to product, animals in Peru

Ag Trade Show

*MAA will once again have a booth at the show, which runs Tues-Wed-Thurs of January 15-17.

Raini is coordinating the schedule. If you can volunteer to cover a shift in the booth for a few hours any of these days please contact her.

*Discussion about how best to utilize the space - promoting fiber and mainstreaming alpaca farming as a business. Last year we sold socks and Fiber Frolic items but we'll get more benefit out of publicity than a few sales.

* Jill McElderry-Maxwell is coordinating a video picturebook with Ken and Claudia Raessler. The themes will be breeding - from breeding to birth, and fiber - from shearing to finished goods. Members will be invited to submit digital images. No farm logos or other advertising will be included.

*Alan Russo has VERY kindly offered to update the Maine locator map of alpaca farms.

Membership Renewals

*Many renewals have already come in for 2009

*Half Horse Farm won the early renewal drawing and will get a MAA web ad for one month. Congratulations Paul & Tammy Cheney!

Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 26 at 11:30 AM at the Great Wall Buffet in Augusta.

Many thanks to Nancy Durst and Nicole Carter for taking minutes in my place.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Harwood