



Membership Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, December 03, 2006  
Augusta Civic Center

Present: **Kathy Belisle** of Friendly Acres Farm, **Nicole Carter** of Upper Farm Alpacas, **Paul and Tammy Cheney** of Half Horse Farm, **Pamela Drew** of Pamelamas, **Wendy Eaton** of Colonial Thyme Alpacas, **Frank and Geri Gabriel** of Lakeside Alpaca Farm, **Pamela Harwood** of Longwoods Alpacas, **Paula Ickeringill** of Sea Hill Farm, **Connie and Noel Laliberte** of Misty Acres Alpaca Farm, **Al Maloney** of NEWAIM Farm, **Peter and Theresa Morin** of Journey's End Alpacas, **Patricio Mujica** of Aconcagua Alpaca Farm, **Raini Perry** of Raini Ridge Farm, **Marianne Roberts** of Namaste Alpacas, **Craig and Jan Wanggaard** of Farm in the Meadow, **Brian Toomey** of Sugarloaf Alpacas.

The meeting was called to order by **Raini Perry** at 12 noon after determining that a quorum was present.

### **I. Secretary's Report**

**Geri Gabriel** made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 2006 meeting; motion seconded and approved.

### **II. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer **Al Maloney** submitted an account summary showing MAA's Bank Account Balance is \$20,630.63; \$10322.09 of which is in the Vet Ed Fund, and \$6,150 from the 2005 Auction which has been allocated 50% to Marketing, 25% Education and 25% Operating Expenses (the same allocation percentages as used for paid dues). The auction/raffle at the 2006 NECC raised \$7677 for the Vet Ed Fund. Members are encouraged to remind their vets that MAA will reimburse up to \$300 per seminar attended. Note: NEAOBA is hosting a seminar the last weekend in January.

Most bills have been paid for the Cameron Holt Fiber Seminar – it looks like it has been self-funding, using the surplus from last year's genetics seminar and the registration fees, leaving just over \$4,000 in the Education Fund.

**Theresa Morin** made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; seconded and approved.

### **III. Committee Reports**

A. Marketing, **Al Maloney**: MAA's Open Farm Day ads were the only significant expense (\$646) since our last meeting. The weather didn't cooperate.

B. Education, **Kathy Belisle (for Dawn Brooker)** : Committee will be meeting next week to plan for upcoming meeting speakers and seminars

C. Website, **Al Maloney**: Nothing new to report

- D. Fundraising (Vet Fund and General Fund), **Pam Drew (for Marcia MacDonald)**: 8" x 8" knitted or crocheted squares of 100% natural-color alpaca are still being accepted for the 2007 Alpaca Throw. Tammy Cheney has again offered to put it together. Please mail your squares to Tammy or bring them to the March meeting. Discussion followed about selling raffle tickets in advance of the Fiber Frolic, including leaving tickets in local yarn shops. Is there a volunteer to make the raffle tickets so one half has a picture of past throws with description/information and the other half has Name/Address/Phone Number?
- E. By-laws, **Pam Drew (for Claudia Raessler)**: Committee has made good progress in reviewing by-laws. Changes will be presented to membership.
- F. Nominating, **Pam Drew**: Committee presented a slate of candidates. Brian Toomey, Marianne Roberts, and Nancy Durst have agreed to run for the BOD. Others who wish to run should contact a member of the nominating committee or BOD. Candidates will email a Statement to the MAA Yahoo list.

#### IV. Old Business

**Craig Wanggaard** has put together a questionnaire regarding MAA's Open Farm Weekend and asked those present for input. He is trying to determine the effectiveness of the \$600+ spent for advertising. The revised questionnaire will be emailed to the membership.

#### V. New Business

- A. Fiber Frolic, **Raini Perry** and **Al Maloney**:
1. MAA Yahoo list generated a lot of good discussion, and 50% of the membership voted. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of assuming control of the Frolic from the MLA.
  2. Next Frolic Planning Meeting is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Friendly's, Rt 1 in Freeport. Jobs will be solidified. Co-chairs are encouraged for continuity.
  3. Discussion about product "rules" for vendors – Farm only? NEAFP and AFCNA? Frolic committee will determine rules and disseminate information to participants via Yahoo lists.
- B. Maine Ag Show, **Al Maloney**: After 3 years trying, MAA secured a booth at the Maine Agriculture Show at the Augusta Civic Center in January on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We are looking to promote the alpaca industry. In addition to Alpaca Throw raffle tickets and MAA and Fiber Frolic promotional materials (including a list of member farms), we will sell socks. If AFCNA's Extreme Socks are still on backorder, **Paula Ickeringill** will try to secure Red Maple's heavy socks or **Pam Harwood** will contact NEAFP about availability of the Outdoorsmen socks. All proceeds (except raffle ticket sales) will go to the general fund.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 7, 2007 at 11 AM at the Augusta Civic Center. Snow date is Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Craig Wanggaard** moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and the meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Harwood  
Secretary