

Member Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2014

Pam went over the Treasurer's Report. She let us know the insurance that was budgeted for \$300 has gone up to \$400. We now have 32 members. Bills coming due are website renewal \$199, Constant contact \$225, Add for Fiber Frolic \$70, and trade show \$285. These totals are approximate.

Mike suggests pushing any marketing toward webpage. He thinks it would be good to where something MAA at shows. Most members didn't want the MAA to pay for this. He wasn't asking them to, he suggested everyone who participates to buy their own he just thought if we grouped the order it would save money.

The website has been updated with current minutes and newsletter as well as board members. Communication is key. Janis says she can make a new video and update the pictures if people want to send them to her.

Doing advertising for National Alpaca Days and open farm days was discussed. Maybe contact a TV station to do a 2 minute spot at a farm to generate interest. A suggestion was made to make canvas bags that can be sold at the booth to raise money for the MAA.

Ann went over the GALA information.

Location: Marriot in Portland, ME
Dates: October 23-26
Website: www.galaonline.org

There will be a variety of speakers at this event. The MAA voted to increase the sponsorship to \$1000. This will give us a display table where we will set up the booth and have all members' cards available. We believe the table may not need to be manned the entire time. Ann will let us know when she is able to get more information. Ann discussed the GALA was looking for suggestions on speakers and Bear suggested someone about pastures, the group talked about Dick Porters partner Alan Perry.

Darlene gave the Fiber Frolic schedule of volunteers:

June 7, Sat	Jun 8, Sun
Darlene 9-12:30	Ky 9-12:30
Alan 11-2	Mike 11-2
Brenda 12:30-4	Lois 12:30-4

More volunteers are welcomed and the schedule can be adjusted just email Darlene.

The next meeting will be at the Fiber Frolic, Sunday June 8, at 4 pm. This will be a short meeting in the meeting room at the Windsor Fairgrounds.

Lois discussed Ag Day and contacts made:

August 21-24 – Piscataquis Valley County Fair in Dover Foxcroft

Wanted to see if they could get a representative from MAA there

May-Oct -Smiling Hill Farm, Westbrook, Demo Day on weekend 10-3 or 11-2
They were interested in someone to talk alpacas and possibly bring animals.

May 16 - NELE bring alpacas for kids day, precautions are in place so there would
Be no spread of disease. Time 10-2

Please contact Lois as she will be coordinating these events.

Ginny suggested putting a member form on the grain counter at the farm store and at veterinarian offices.

I left at this point as it was an hour past the end of the meeting. I do not have any minutes after 3:15 pm.

Sorry,
Darlene