

**Maine Alpaca Association
Annual Members' Meeting
1 Apostolic Way, Biddeford, ME
20 January 2018**

The meeting opened at 11:30 AM

Attendees: 14 Members for Lunch & Presentation; 2 Additional Members for Meeting

President: Anne Gobes gave the welcoming address. She then introduced our member speakers, Marc and Melissa Worrell of East Coast Alpacas, Biddeford, ME

We then moved on to getting our lunch prepared by the Worrell's and sat down to listen to their presentation.

Marc gave a brief summary of their farm and how they decided to raise alpacas. The farm they purchased had already started the culling process and they decided to continue with this idea. Their presentation will be made available on the MAA website shortly. Members were also invited tour East Coast Alpaca farm after the meeting.

Once the presentation and question period was concluded we then moved onto the business portion of the general membership and annual meeting.

BUSINESS:

The Treasurer and Secretary reports were read and approved by the membership.

Anne then put forth the nominations for open Board positions. Judy Mullins, Ginny Rebar and Tim Whalen were elected by the membership quorum to fill the open positions.

The Board for 2018 is as follows:

President:	Anne Gobes
Vice President:	Tim Whalen
Treasurer:	Marilyn Plowman
Secretary:	Judy Mullins
Director:	Ginny Rebar
Director:	Mike O'Brien

Anne discussed the plans for the Board to revisit the 2012 Focus and Goals posted on the website.

Mike spoke about having contacted Altera Socks regarding what would be the requirements to have socks produced with a label specifying made from Maine Alpaca fiber. The requirement would be 500 lbs. of grade #2 or #3 fiber. This would generally come from our older alpacas. It would need to be sorted and

graded before being accepted. They would pay \$4 per pound as a down payment towards ½ of the production costs. To buy back the end item it would be \$12-14 depending on the sock. It also would take 8-10 month for the return of the product.

We had 2 visitors from NH, Lenny & Sue Foss, who are moving their farm to Maine. Lenny is the President of NEAOBA, New England Alpacas and Breeders Association. Lenny gave a brief update on what NEAOBA is doing. He stated that FAA, Future Farmers of America, are starting to address alpacas in their education programs and this might be something that MAA could support for the FAA organizations in ME.

The March meeting will be held on a date and place to be determined soon. Member, Marcia MacDonald, of Long Plains Alpaca will give a presentation on dyeing with natural materials.

The June meeting will be held at the Fiber Frolic. We will need members to volunteer to staff our table. This year we will have two tables. One will display the MAA information and the other so that the volunteers can bring some of their products for sale. Volunteers can contact either Anne Gobes or Judy Mullins to indicate days/times available.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

The Board met after the member meeting.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Mullins, Secretary