



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Held May 10, 2017 (Wed)
07:30 pm – 09:30 pm (EST)**

I. Meeting Open: (Ken)

- Welcome & Call to Order: Leslie, Joe, Holly, Ken, Jay
- Discuss & Accept April 2017 Empire Minutes by __ Jay _____, seconded by __ Holly _____, all in favor __ 4 __, opposed __ 0 __.
- Review and approve agenda for May 2017:

II. Treasures Report: (Holly)

- Bank Balance \$107,417.54
- Outstanding debt: \$1,739 from Farm Family, State Fairgrounds 2017 Bill (approx. \$13,000)
- Upcoming debt:
- Actions:
 - (Ken & Joe) Discussion on having a single Bank Account to Handle Showtacular Bills, this would be a joint checking account with NEAOBA. Joe and Ken will bring it up at the next Showtacular Meeting.
- Ideas for Holly replacement?
 - Holly write up Treasurer yearly process as starting point for new person.
 - Board to hold special meeting to discuss options on potentially modifying organizational by-laws.
- Tax Preparation: All information is at the CPA. Holly is working with the firm to get it done.

III. Standing Committees Reports:

- General: (Ken)
 - March 2017 Action Item Review
 - Membership thoughts or ideas?
- Actions:
 - Kara to find out information on Drop Box.
 - Leslie to check and see if Constant Contact has a voting option.
 - Joe to tell us what AOA is using and pricing.
- Marketing: (Ken)
 - Website Updates:
 - Monthly Eblasts to membership. We have not sent one in several months and need to get back on track.
 - Other communication ideas?
- Show: (Joe)
 - Review and Discussion:
 - Start 2017 Show discussion
 - Platinum Sponsorship Donation to MAPACA with a reciprocal sponsorship in return for our auction. Board OK? NEAOBA Board is ok.



- Auction this year and if so what is format and ideas?
- Joe and Ken to talk to Fair about food vendors?
 - Action to talk to Fairgrounds
- Any change in format or timing of events?
- New ideas for vendors?
- Action: Ken to contact Brett K and give him the date for this year's Showtacular and will he do a lunchtime seminar.
- Sustainability: (Lynn)
 - Update:
 - New Items:
 - What do we want to do for 2017?
 - Actions:
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- Fiber: (Leslie)
 - Update:
 - New Items:
 - Actions: Leslie - What items do we want to have made this year? What do we already have?
- Education & Youth: (Jay)
 - Update:
 - New Items:
 - Member Seminars –
 - Jay to review his email
 - Other Festivals, Farm days, etc.?
 - Kara to talk about Empire Farm Days
 - One, seminar is potentially Arturo (Jay to contact)
 - Two, seminar potentially Chris Reachard – poop (Ken to contact)
 - Three, seminar potentially Cheryl Dewitt. (Leslie to contact)
 - Potential venues to date, Ken's, Leslie's and Kara's.
- Action: Ken to talk to Kara.
 - GALA Convention – November 2-5
 - We have been invited to speak at the convention
 - Do we want to go and have the yarn booth there?
 - Other ideas?

IV. Special Committees Reports: (Ken or Responsible Bd. Member)

- Election Committee:
 - Who will chair?
 - Ken to ask Chris
 - Two positions open – Holly, Kara
 - Any ideas on potential candidates?

V. Meeting Close (Ken) – Motion to Close Leslie, Second Jay, all in favor.

Next Meeting: June 14 @ 7:30.