



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 06, 2017 (Wed.)
07:30 pm – 09:00 pm (EST)

I. Meeting Open: (Ken)

- Welcome & Call to Order: Present are Joe, Ken, Holly, Jay, Lynn, Chuck
- Discuss & Accept October 2017 Empire Minutes by Jay, seconded by Joe, all in favor 6, opposed 0.
- Review and approve agenda for December 2017: Approved by all.

II. Treasures Report: (Holly)

- Bank Balance: \$117,170.68
- Outstanding debt: Waiting on payment from Jonathan for Fork Lift Bill due to the fork lift he rented he lost the key.
- Upcoming debt:
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- Actions:
 - Email Ringside ribbons as bill has not been received yet
- Showtacular Financial Overview
- Holly write up Treasurer yearly process as starting point for new person.
 - How is the treasurers process coming?
 - Holly still working on treasurer's process.

III. Standing Committees Reports:

- General: (Ken)
 - Review and discussion on Council of Agricultural Organizations (CAO) membership request
 - After discussion a motion by Jay was made and seconded by Cuck to join the CAO. All were in favor motion passed.
 - Committee Chairs – moved to next meeting that will be a face to face with further discussion
 - Membership ideas?
 - Jan mtg. a face to face working mtg.? Meeting to be at Kara's, date TBD.
 - 2018 Rhinebeck Festival & Empire Show (Joe)
 - After Joe explained to the board what his idea was for attending the Rhinebeck Festival, Jay made a motion with Lynn seconding that we should attend and look to hold a walking fleece show there. Further information will be brought up in the face to face meeting by Joe.
- Marketing: (Open)
 - Website Updates:
 - Need to update website as information is stale. Need to add seminars schedule, start of show and other items.
 - Other communication ideas?
 - Other Festivals, Farm days, etc.?



- Show: (Joe)
 - Review and Discussion:
 - Start 2018 Show discussion:
 - Vote on moving show to 11/08 – 11/11/2018, after discussion of moving next years show dates out, Jay made a motion and Lynn seconded with all in favor of the date change. This will allow the show to not be scheduled on the same weekend as the Rhinebeck Festival and also allow us to hold the show in the new facility at the fairgrounds.
 - Show in New Bldg.
 - Format Changes:
 - Possible money for placings
 - Seminars?
 - Walking Fleece Super changes
 - Other ideas?
- Sustainability: (Open)
 - Update:
 - New Items:
 - What do we want to do for 2018?
 - Do we keep the committee?
 - Actions:
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- Fiber: (Open)
 - Update:
 - New Items:
 - Need inventory of all Empire Fiber Products
 - Currently remaining socks and inserts are at Joe C's house
 - What do we want to do for 2018?
 - Actions:
- Education & Youth: (Jay)
 - Update:
 - New Items:
 - 2018 Ideas:
 - Arturo offered to run a shearing preparation class.
 - Do we want to do this?
 - Ken can reserve American Legion for potentially an early March seminar. No cost to Empire for Legion.
 - After a discussion of potentially scheduling and holding this seminar, Joe made a motion and Holly seconded that should go forward with the planning.
 - Jay's Happenings
 - Research into places for a symposium
 - Del Lago – Jay found out that room costs would be in the \$180 range and a conference room cost would be approx. \$1000.



- Tioga Downs – No information as yet.
- Quote for 2018 Empire Member stickers requested from Renee (other vendor quotes needed?)
- RFD-TV Show has been forwarded to FFA and 4H chair persons.

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

- Election Committee 2018:
 - Who will be chair?
 - Two positions will be open: Chuck and Jay

V. Meeting Close (Ken)

- Motion to bring the meeting to a close by Lynn, seconded by Jay all in favor.