

Board of Directors Meeting
September 08, 2015 (Tuesday)
07:30 pm –09:30 pm (EST)
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I. Meeting Open: (Ken)

- Welcome & Call to Order @ 07:37 PM
- Discuss & Accept August 2015 Empire Minutes. Motion to accept by Lynn, 2nd by Joe. Carried.
- Review & Approve Today's Agenda. No additions
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II. Treasures Report: (Holly)

- Bank Balance: \$111,574.78 \$3K deposit pending
- Outstanding debt:
- Upcoming debt:
- Reclaim Funds from Show:
 - To date, \$215 cash with an outstanding balance of \$415. Partial payment expected next month.
 - Same for July - No update on this. (KEC)
 - Same for Sept. – No Update
- Actions:
 - Find bill from Golf Cart supplier for information to order for this year.
 - Find name and number of previous coffee vendor as last year's vendor is not interested.

III. Standing Committees Reports:

- General: (Ken)
- Marketing: (Ken)
 - Actions: AOA eblasts coming out.
 - Suzanne sending eblasts
 - Robin sending out "Thank You's" for all registered farms/sponsors.
- Sustainability – Fiber (Lynn) Nothing new to report.
 - Yarn Project 2015?
 - 2015 collection dates and procedures?
 - What needs to be done
 - New Items:\$300.00 rcvd from Wini for yarn project
 - Actions:
- Education & Youth (Robin) Nothing new to report
 - New Items:
 - Need to create Facebook thank you posts for current sponsor list and registered farms.
- Show (Joe)
 - Update:
 - Discussed approved Combined Show
 - 2015 is 15th Year for Empire
 - Joe's List

- Discuss where we are at.
- Panels and straw are all set.
- Registrations coming in strong. 133 stalls sold at this time. Discussed that people are waiting to register. If we hit over 500 we will have a problem r/t to rules for judges.
- Inadvertently we are having a photo contest as the option for the photo contest was not removed from the online registration form. The photographer will be the judge.
- There are sponsorships still available
 - 1 gold early bird
 - 1 coffee
 - 1 pizza
 - 1 Diamond
 - 1 Platinum
 - And misc. vendors (halter, vendor, etc)
- Pen sale: 4 registered to date. Need to promote
- Dr Purdy scheduled for lunchtime seminar
- Everyone needs to be out of the building by Sunday evening.
- Herdsire breeding:
 - Last time farms that donated more than one breeding were docked 15% on 2nd breeding. These farms have been compensated.
- Only 37 fleeces registered for fleece show-need to promote.
 - New Items:
 - Actions:

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

- Nominating Committee (Jeanne)
 - Jeanne Update: Nothing new to report.
 - Chris Houseworth volunteered to be the Chairperson
 - Timeline:
 - 4 Candidate Names by July 11th
 - Candidate Bios in to Chair by July 25
 - Ballots go out Approx. 8/31 (Ballots are out)
 - Last Mail Date accepted 9/22 (mailed to accountant)
 - Accountant sends results to me approx. 9/29 or earlier
 - Plan to have in person board mtg. prior to Extravaganza to meet new directors and also vote on next year's officers so we can announce them at the Extravaganza. Just as we did last year

VI. Meeting Close (Ken)

- Motion to adjourn by Joe, 2nd by Lynn. Carried. Concluded @ 08:27 PM