

MAPACA Board Meeting Minutes 05/29/14

Roll Call: In attendance Dr. Bert, Mr. Reachard, Mr. Smoker, Miss Rost and Mr. Oraschin.

Absent from call: Miss Bittner and Miss Kremer.

Guest to the call: Chris and Jess Armstrong

Approval of meeting minutes from 03/30/2014

Motion to approve made by Miss Rost

Second by Mr. Oraschin

2015 Jubilee Dates:

Dr. Bert mentioned that the dates were discussed on our board call on 03/30/2014. Dr. Bert also mentioned that Miss Bittner reported that on the survey taken during the Jubilee that the majority of exhibitors were against the change of making the Jubilee dates with check in on Friday and the show running Saturday, Sunday and ending on Monday. The majority would like to keep the show with check in on Thursday and the show running Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Oraschin also discussed this topic with many exhibitors during the Jubilee and it was an overwhelming response not to change the days of the Jubilee.

Dr. Bert asked that we post the show dates on the website for the 2015 Jubilee.

Miss Rost mentioned that if the days of the show were changed that it is still two days off of work. Miss Rost also mentioned that we won't know if the date changes would work unless we try it.

Mr. Oraschin made a motion to keep the 2015 Jubilee dates as they are with check in on Thursday and the show running Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Before a second on the motion and a vote Mr. Reachard asked if this could be tabled until the next Board call when we will have all seven Board members on the call for more discussion. All agreed and this topic was tabled.

Dr. Bert asked if we should consider moving the show dates to an earlier weekend in April. This was asked for the Board to ponder and give feedback on the next call.

Dr. Bert also asked if any of the Board members have heard if the AOA National Show will be back in Harrisburg in 2016. He also asked if they are do we MAPACA approach them and see if they are open to running a dual show or do we move the Jubilee to a fall date for 2016 if the AOA National Show is held in Harrisburg in 2016.

Mr. Oraschin feels moving to a fall show date in 2016 would be a great idea.

Chris Armstrong asked if any of the Board members were on the new AOA Online community discussion group. Miss Armstrong will send the link to this group to the Board members via email.

Jubilee:

Miss Armstrong feels that all in all besides the slight decline in numbers the Jubilee went very smooth and was a success.

Miss Armstrong asked Mr. Reachard if moving the Mundo Fibra area to the grass section by the show rings was a good idea. After a bit of discussion it was agreed that moving the Mudo Fibra area was a great idea.

Miss Armstrong mentioned that there was a lot of positive comments made on having the seminar area in the back of the show building was a great move. Made it easier for more people to attend the seminars.

Miss Rost and Mr. Oraschin also good a lot of positive feedback on the seminar room being under the same roof as the rest of the show.

Member Product store – Miss Rost liked the new location being over in the vendor village area. Only comment was traffic was slow until people figured out the new location.

Thank you notes – Chris Armstrong has mailed out the Thank you notes to the folks on her list. Mr. Reachard and Dr. Bert were still working on the Thank you notes for the folks on their list.

Jess Armstrog asked if we had a Sponsor Liason at the Jubilee this year. The response was there was not one specific person assigned to that task. Mr. Armstrong also felt there should have been more announcements made on Saturday about the Sponsors, seminars and fiber demos.

Miss Armstrong mentioned that the obstacle course props are safe and being taken care of, but we need to look into a better way to store them. Dr. Bert mentioned that Beth Lutz from PAOBA said that PAOBA will split the cost of storage for the obstacle props in exchange for PAOBA using the obstacle course props at their show. A few numbers were presented and discussed. Mr. Oraschin offered to take this on and get figures to what it would cost for a storage unit verses a trailer to store the props. Mr. Oraschin will pass this information on the rest of the Board once he has finished the research.

Dr. Bert and the rest of the Board Thanked Chris and Jess Armstrong for all the work they did to make the 2014 Jubilee a success.

Chris and Jess Armstrong left the call

Llama/Alpaca

Dr. Bert was approached and asked if MAPACA would consider becoming an affiliate of the Llama/Alpaca Association. Dr. Bert will give the Board more updates on this topic as he receives more information.

Back 40

Dr. Bert asked if any of the Board members have received any information from Lynn Eden on her back 40 yarn company. None of the Board members have received any information.

MAPACA Board Retreat

Dr. Bert asked that we as a Board think about holding a summer Board retreat to have a face to face meeting to discuss the upcoming election and a few other topics. Miss Roast suggested that we could hold it at Dr. Bert's farm. This topic will be discussed more during our next Board call.

Jubilee Supervisors

Mr. Reachard mentioned that he had received an email from Patty Fuller asking if the Board was going to hire her back for the 2015 Jubilee as the spin off and fiber arts supervisor. Mr. Reachard recommend to the Board that hiring Miss Fuller back for the 2015 Jubilee would be the right move.

Dr. Bert made the Motion to hire Miss Fuller as the spin off and fiber arts supervisor for the 2015 Jubilee.

Second by Miss Rost.

All in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Reachard will contact Miss Fuller and have her forward her contract to himself and Dr. Bert.

Halter supervisor

Dr. Bert asked if the Board would like to hire Miss Ives back as the Halter supervisor. All agreed this would be the best for the Jubilee. Miss Rost made a Motion to hire Sue Ives back as the Halter show supervisor for the 2016 Jubilee.

Second by Mr. Oraschin

All in favor and the motion carried.

Newsletter

Dr. Bert had mentioned that Chris Armstrong as offered to take on the Newsletter for MAPACA and this would be part of the Jubilee Event Manager Contract. With little discussion it was agreed by the Board that this would be a great idea and that we should move in the direction of having Miss Armstrong do the Newsletter.

Treasurer

Mr. Smoker mentioned that the 2014 Jubilee will make money for MAPACA. He is still waiting on final figures from Miss Ives so he can finish reconciling the figures. Miss Ives will be sending everything to Mr. Smoker with in the week.

At this point the Board went into Executive Session.

After a discussion the Board came back into Regular session.

Dr. Bert asked the Board members to talk to any members that would be good candidates to run for the Board.

Mr. Reachard suggested that our next call be held on June 26th

Dr. Bert adjourned the call.

Respectfully Submitted By
Chris Reachard, Secretary.