

Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association – Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021 (Special Meeting)

Meeting via Zoom - called to order at 7:04 PM

Attendees: Carole Rost, Barb Sodums, Jeff Jorritsma, Chris Reachard, Bill Oraschin, Arlene Fusko, Mary Reed, Jess & Christine Armstrong.

Meeting called to discuss the need for a new Show Superintendent due to the sudden passing of Sue Ives, as well as the need to change from a 3-day to a 2-day show due to low registration.

Margie Ault verified that an AOA Show Superintendent is required to be at the show.

Scott Young is willing and able to come and run the show (Class Lists, etc.) Friday morning through Sunday end of show. He will require 2 hotel nights and will accept pay as per Sue's contract.

Meanwhile, thank you to Mary who has stepped in to keep the registrations moving along.

Judges – Wade, Arturo and Laurel have all agreed to adjust to the 2-day show, but Carole hasn't heard back from Barboza yet.

Venue will adjust our charges as well, crediting us for whatever time/buildings we are not using (they have already been paid in full).

Venue Covid Plan & Floor Plan – Carole is working on sending them the specifics.

Mary reviewed where we are with Entries, Incompletes, etc. and it is agreed that the numbers cannot justify having a 3-day show.

Chris R. has let Jay M. (Shearer) know not to come for shearing until Saturday. So far there are 70 alpacas listed for shearing.

E-Blast – Will need to be put out ASAP advising that we are changing to a 2-day show. Carole will work on this.

Jeff – Motion to change the 2021 MAPACA Jubilee Show from a 3-Day Show to a 2-Day Show, Arlene seconded, Motion Carried.

Mary shared that the show vet, Sarah Link, has been notified and is available for Friday Vet-Check.

Discussed the Fleece Show numbers. At this time there are 9 entries and 36 are required.

Carole – Motion to Cancel the 2021 MAPACA Jubilee Fleece Show, Arlene seconded, Motion Carried.

Chris suggested we might be able to have Cottage Fleece judged and give ribbons, but without AOA certification. We would need to contact the exhibitors and explain this.

Bill – Motion to have an uncertified Cottage Fleece judging at the 2021 MAPACA Jubilee show, 2nd by Carole, Motion carried.

Carole will contact Angie Grove and request she act as superintendent for the 10 Cottage Fleeces.

Spin-Off has already been judged, and Fiber Arts can go forward. Spin-off entries will be sent to Chris R. and he will deliver them to the show.

Mary will make calls to exhibitors regarding Fleece Show refunds.

Chris R. will contact Cheri S. and let her know we won't need her to Super the Fleece Show and that we will pay her for her work to date.

Carole – Use of the dining room in separate building will be cancelled and Dinner/Auction will be held in the Arena.

Show Budget needs to be re-calculated with changes from a 3-day to 2-day show. Chris A. shared her #'s to-date, not including adjustments to judges' fees, and Carole suggested we forego further discussion until she, Chris A. and Jeff have a chance to calculate with actual numbers.

Chris R. suggested board members could pay for their own hotel rooms on set-up & tear-down days, and all agreed. We will save \$\$ on that as well as needing one less hotel night for judges, staff, etc. Carole is making adjustments to hotel reservations.

Carole reviewed judging assignments: Laurel – Walking Fleece, Wade – Jubilee, Arturo – Gala, Barboza – Youth (also can step in and help with WF or whatever as needed).

Discussed tentative show schedule sent out by Carole. Both shows will run on both days, but the Gala can begin an hour after the Jubilee. Gala will begin with Production, Jubilee with Greys.

Chris R. will contact Margie at AOA and advise her of the changes. Change will need to be made on the AOA website as well.

New disclosure form will be needed for the Jubilee. Forms will be presented for signatures at Exhibitor Check-In.

Covid protocol – Exhibitors will have their temperature's taken and will hand in their Covid Release Forms when they enter on check-in day.

Jess A. reported that no Pipe and Drape will be rented for rings, but instead we will have Jonathan's panels around the rings at no extra cost. Possibility that there might be adjustment to Jonathan's contract because he won't need to come until a day later.

Carole – For the venue -Specific Floor Plan, showing pen sizes, tables spaced 6' apart, etc. is needed asap from Christine and Jess. Also clarified that masks may be taken off only at tables while eating.

Christine and Jess suggested that, to save money, we might not want them to continue with show management, but BOD said No.

Clarified payment to Scott. He would like a copy of Sue's contract so he knows for what and how he is being paid. We were using Sue's 2020 contract for this year since 2020 was cancelled. Agreed to pay Scott the full amount, travel & hotel expenses as per Sue's contract.

Scott is now the point person for Christine A. Carole will get Scott's contact information to her for her information as well as the website.

Christine A. needs ribbon total for ordering. Chris R. explained that she needs to pull Scott into that conversation as he will take over all the ribbon work that Chris A. had reached out to Judy S. for (Judy won't be asked to help with that).

Discussed large Rosette Ribbons be given to WF Champions instead of banners. All agreed that's fine and hopefully will save a little money.

Chris A. needs to know what Sponsors will have end caps for the Floor Plan.

Jeff explained that a check has gone out to Chris A. for the RV deposit and rental & hook-up for \$2098.52 (not yet cashed). Discussed the cost and agreed they need to be on the venue premises to do security.

2022 Jubilee Discussion:

Venues:

Utz Arena in York, PA, 75000 sq ft, \$8000/day, half on set-up day. ONLY available 3/31, 4/1-2/22.

Harrisburg – NW Hall is available our regular dates in April, about \$9000/day and a 35% Agricultural Discount, but not completely Air conditioned and we are locked into their expensive food supply requirements.

Changing dates creates back-to-back show weekends which will be a problem for many exhibitors.

Chris R. brought up the Delaware State Fairgrounds, which he found out has A/C.

Agreed to discuss this further and make a decision at the next meeting.

Motion by Jeff to hire Scott Young as Superintendent for the 2021 MAPACA Jubilee at Sue Ive's contract rate, Second by Arlene, Motion Carried.

Mary will contact Scott with this information and Carole will talk with him regarding the contract.

Mary suggested we get publicity by reaching out to the Westminster MD Chamber of Commerce and Cindy Morrow for a Press Release. Arlene agreed to do this.

Kara McElroy needs exhibitor emails from the registration site so she can make contact for Silent Auction donations.

Motion by Jeff to Adjourn at 8:51, Arlene seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Sodums, Secretary