

Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association – Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

Meeting via Zoom - called to order at 7:06 PM

Attendees: Carole Rost, Barb Sodums, Jeff Jorritsma, Chris Reachard, Mary Reed, Bill Oraschin, Arlene Fusko

Approval of Minutes: 12/15/20 Minutes – **Motion to approve by Jeff, Second by Bill, Unanimous – Motion passed.**

Treasurer’s Report - Jeff:

Current Bank Balance: \$23,623.57

Expenses Paid: Debit Storage Depot - \$205.64

Membership Dues Paid:

12/27/20 - \$100.00

1/04/21 - \$100.00

1/12/21 - \$100.00

Current PayPal Balance \$6434.81

PayPal monthly fee paid 1/8/21 - \$30.00

MAPACA balance \$30,058.38

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report by Bill , Second by Arlene, Unanimous – Motion Passed.

Ohio Owner-Breeder Conference Update:

Carole will put information up on the website, including mention of all participating affiliates. Chris will post on the FB page.

Discussed recruiting new members by putting the word out to our clients and other breeders we might know who aren’t members, encouraging them to join so they can attend.

Jubilee Update:

Discussed choice of a new venue and possible dates.

- Centre Hall PA Grange is not available

- Ohio Summit County Fairgrounds is available on our regular dates and there are buildings available for youth, fleece, etc. Cost is \$4500/2 days + Electric (about \$1500), but the banquet hall is not available for vendors or dinner that weekend. Mary noted that it's on the far west end of the affiliate footprint, so might not be the best geographically.
- Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster MD is available for the weekend of April 30th – May 2nd. It has animal friendly flooring. Cost is \$3800/day and less on set up days + about \$200 for electric. 52,500 sq' plus foyer for vendors, and probably the "rabbit building" for youth classes.
- PA Farm Show venue is closed for all events in March and cannot guarantee they will be open for our weekend in April.
- NY Fairgrounds Bricker building is available for our weekend at around \$15,000 for the 3-day weekend, but it's only a 50/50 chance they'll actually be open.

All agreed that we need a solid option, so Farm Show PA and NYS Fairgrounds are out. Carroll Co AG Center looks best. Carole will check on availability of judges that weekend. Planning a 2-show, 3-day format, spin-off can start the end of January. Chris pointed out that we need to make a decision so we can plan to have our Early-bird Sweetheart deal starting in February as usual. Carole noted that the Armstrong's would be on board at that location. She will schedule a date and time for a site visit with board members who want to go.

Motion by Bill to move the MAPACA Jubilee show to the Carroll Co. AG. Center in MD for the weekend of April 30th, second by Arlene, Unanimous – Motion Passed.

Carole will contact Sue with new information so she can get it certified and up on the AOA website asap.

Discussed lowering sponsor costs since we will be spending less on venue and food costs. Carole will work on that and email out a spreadsheet with proposals.

Jeff texted Jonathan at LLE to see if he can bring panels on the new weekend to the new venue, and he is available. Stalls will be 9' x 9' this year.

Jeff noted that the new show plan budget needs to be completed asap. Carole will gather more details and get information to Jeff.

Question about whether Anthony can be our show vet that weekend, will check through Mary (she had dropped off call).

Carole also noted that the venue has lists they will share with us for food trucks, hotels, etc. in the area.

Registration for Earlybird Sweetheart deal will open February 14th.

Meetings to be scheduled twice a month now for show planning.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 26th, **moved to 7:30 PM**, via Zoom.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:25 pm by Arlene, second by Carole, Unanimous – Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Sodums, Secretary