

***Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association – Board Meeting Minutes***

***October 8, 2019***

**Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM**

**Attendees:** Carole Rost, Jeff Jorritsma, Barb Sodums, Randy Strong, Bill Oraschin, Chris Reachard

**Approval of Minutes:** 9/17/19 Minutes – **Motion to approve by Randy , Seconded by Bill, passed unanimously.**

**Treasurers Report – Jeff:** Bank Balance: \$32,767.86, Paypal balance: \$11,668.58 (Paid Monthly Fee of \$30.00)

Paid out this month:

\$16.38 - Conference Call Center

\$450.00 – AOA Owner’s Guide Full Page Advertisement

Cubsmart Storage – already deducted amount from balance, but will be paid on 8/20. Cost increase of \$23.00/month to \$183.38.

- Bill total paid this month: \$649.76

MAPACA Balance: \$44,436.44

**Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report by Bill, seconded by Randy , Unanimous.**

**Carole will be sending a Thank You note to Bryan Mindte for his service on the BOD.**

**Welcome to Chris Reachard returning to the board. Carole mentioned how much Chris has contributed serving as a board member in the past.**

**2020 Show Plan Discussion**

Contract for Jubilee Barn Management & Event Management was sent by Calico Moon, Inc. - Contract is for \$4000 less than last year. Carole explained that they took out Social Media, FB blasts and Eblasts, which the BOD can handle. Added to contract is paying for consistent, qualified Ring Stewards, which Chris A. feels is very important for the judges. The cost will come out of the fee we are paying her by contract and is not additional. Opportunity for these positions will be offered first to the people who have been doing it in the past. Suggestion by Chris R. that we should mention to Chris A. that the candidates for AOA judging apprenticeships should get first choice since they need the experience to qualify

for Judge apprenticeship. They are supposed to contact shows and ask for the assignments. They will Ring Steward for free. Carole will inform Chris A.

Randy asked about how we are interpreting the pay for the Armstrong's, noting that it isn't really less this year when we look at the additional payment we gave Chris R. for doing a portion of the work. Carole explained that the cost of Ring Stewards should offset some, that their actual contracted pay will be \$4000 less than last year, and that there were a number of small things taken off the contract since she's been working on it with Chris A.

Chris R. noted his concern about paying for positions (i.e. Ring Stewards) which have always been filled with volunteers in the past, and suggested paying with a complimentary stall or something like that. Carole explained the preference for paid people who would be reliable, at the rings when assigned, etc. The total number of Ring Stewards was discussed, as well as a number of smaller jobs that need to get done and that the BOD won't have the time for. Carole asked for suggestions about how to go forward regarding the Armstrong's contract. Bill suggested we adjust the contract to reflect accepting volunteer judge apprenticeship candidates first, and if we get some, make adjustments to the contract amount. Carole agreed to take this suggestion to Chris A.

**Suggestion was made by Bill to adjust the contract to reflect that Ring Stewards may be hired by Chris A. unless we get requests from judge apprenticeship candidates who want to come and volunteer their time. Motion to accept contract with this adjustment by Randy, seconded by Jeff, unanimous.**

Reviewed Judy Schroader's contracts for Fleece Show & Walking Fleece Superintendent position – \$600 plus \$3.00/fleece entry for Fleece Show and \$4.50/Entry for Walking Fleece. By hiring her to do both we save a second person's expenses.

Chris R. explained that Cottage Fleece requires Spin-Off, and we need a supervisor for Spin-off, Fiber Arts, and Skein competitions. Carole will ask Judy if she'll consider doing these also.

Theresa from Stone Mountain will probably agree to judge Fiber Arts & Skeins as she has in the past.

**Judging Assignment Update:**

GALA second judge - Diana T. agreed to take the assignment.

Carole ran down all judging assignments as reflected in the September minutes.

**Officer Elections / Nominations:**

Currently:

President – Carole

Vice President – Randy

Secretary – Barb

Treasurer – Jeff

Chris R., Bill, Arlene - Members at Large

Carole asked for nominations for any of the positions. No nominations were given.

**Bill – Motion to leave officer positions as they are, Barb seconded. One opposed, Motion passed.**

**Other business:**

Randy announced that Rosehaven has accepted the Coffee Sponsorship.

Carole announced that there will be a meeting Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> at the show venue to go over all the particulars with the venue management, Barn Manager and any board members who want to attend. Carole will be there to get contracts & paperwork as needed. Bill plans to attend.

Bill – Eric from Sunbelt emailed him regarding cooling options. They have other alternatives to AC, such as high-velocity air movement machines, cooling fans, etc. Said that these options would be significantly less money and can bring the temperature down 20 or more degrees. Bill is getting back to him and will email further information out to us when he gets it.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:22 PM by Bill, seconded by Jeff, Unanimous .**

**Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Sodums, Secretary**