

Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association – Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020

Meeting via Zoom - called to order at 8:05 PM

Attendees: Carole Rost, Barb Sodums, Jeff Jorritsma, Chris Reachard, Mary Reed

Approval of Minutes: 10/20/20 Minutes – **Motion to approve by Carole, Second by Jeff, Unanimous.**

Treasurer’s Report - Jeff:

Bank Account balance \$24,554.85

Paypal Account balance \$6,204.41

Total \$30,759.26

Paid in last month (Sept and October)

AOA, ad in magazine \$450.00

Storage fee Sept \$183.38

Storage Fee Oct \$205.64

Conference Group \$79.77

Still waiting- uncashed checks - Commonwealth of VA Annual registration -\$25.00
Oraschin & Associates-2019 Tax Preparation - \$495.00

Deposit from Showtacular Refund - \$6335.00

Paypal fees for October and November \$30.00 each

One new membership - A Suri Farm

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report by Carole, Second by Barb, Unanimous – Motion Passed.

Discussed the MAPACA Sponsorship of the Virtual Camelid Health Conference to be offered to members in early 2021. Mary shared that PAOBA and Buckeye have both sponsored. Jeff updated Mary that EAA will sponsor. Mary shared the success of the Zoom-based Veterinary Conference that took place for Vets this past weekend, saying that it had gone very well and that Ohio State will have no

problem sponsoring the conference for breeders. She also shared a list of potential speakers, and suggested that the opportunity for affiliate members to attend the conference could help to drive membership. Cost will be \$50/person for 6 hours with 6 speakers, 9 – 12, 12:30 – 3:30. Sponsor Board Members will receive complimentary attendance.

Chris thanked Mary for all her work in bringing this opportunity to us.

Motion (via email) was made by Arlene to approve a \$500 Sponsorship for the Virtual Camelid Health Conference, Second by Barb. Vote tonight, 4 Yes, Mary abstained, Motion passed.

Old Business:

2021 Jubilee – Venue options:

Discussed options for the 2021 show should the PA Farm Show Complex not be available due to Covid restrictions. Delaware has outdoor venue with tents that is approved for up to 250 people, NJ has Dream Park very reasonably priced (\$5000/wkend), but has separate outside stalling. Issues with heat are a concern for both of these options. Mary shared that Summit Co. Fairgrounds in OH is already booked that weekend. VAOBA Expo center venue was discussed. It is 80,000 sq.ft. and can be divided into Hall A & B, and has AC. Chris will call and check availability and cost. Jeff will check on availability of either of the Syracuse Fairground buildings, but NY venue would be dependent on whether NY will let exhibitors from other states enter.

Carpeting – Jeff shared that the EAA board will be offering to buy a trailer to store the carpet if MAPACA will give the carpet to the them for use in the old Bricker building for the Empire/Showtacular show scheduled for Halloween weekend 2021. MAPACA would also have use of the carpet via a rental agreement to be negotiated. All of us agreed that we should not throw the carpet away, and that this sounds like a good option. Final decision/agreement to come.

Other Business:

Carole will be talking to the contact person at the PA Farm Show Complex regarding PA restrictions and other issues. Chris stated that Carole will remain as the Farm Show Complex liason.

Barb asked to have the BOD email list updated. Jeff will contact Jan at Openherd to have Mary added and Randy removed from our email list.

Carole will go in and update the listing of BOD Officers on the MAPACA website.

Carole talked to Christine at Calico Moon about a contract proposal for the 2021 Show Management. There may be issues for them depending on the location of the show, but it was agreed that we should go forward with getting a proposal from them.

It was agreed that we should have the 2021 MAPACA show dates put on the AOA Show page, and that we should send them the judging info. Etc. needed for our show certification. We should have a credit from last year's cancelled show so it should not cost anything. Considering it a "SAVE THE DATE" listing at this time.

Discussed judge shortages and availability for 2021.

Carole shared that AOA will be offering a special course for Youth Judging so we won't need regular AOA judges for Youth classes in the future. Angie Grove is planning to take the course and may be available in the future.

Chris asked if we have Superintendents in place for the 2021 show. Chris will email Judy Schroeder to ask if she will supervise both the Walking Fleece and Fleece shows. Mary shared that Karen Biscella, Angie Grove (for Youth) were options. Jeff suggested Cheri Seiler as an option for Fleece show supervisor if needed.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 15th, 8:00 pm via Zoom.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:53 pm by Barb, second by Carole, Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Sodums, Secretary