

Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association – Board Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2021

Meeting via Zoom – Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

Attendees: Carole Rost, Barb Sodums, Nicole Phillips, Bill Oraschin, Arlene Fusko (joined at 7:36)

Approval of Minutes: 11/16/21 Meeting Minutes – **Motion to approve by Bill, Second by Nicole, Unanimous – Motion Carried**

Treasurer’s Report: Nicole reported that she met with Bill on 12/9/21 to transfer the paperwork and computer to her. She has been researching to find a bank that has branches in all our affiliate states which would allow for much easier bank access when the treasurer position changes, as well as for her since there is no Citizen’s nearby. After a meeting with Wells Fargo, she found that she needed two very specific documents showing authentication of the MAPACA business address. Due to the holiday, she is planning to follow up after the new year, possibly staying with Citizen’s Bank to simplify the process. She and Bill are continuing to work on a process that would make future transitions simpler.

Nicole gave a big shout out to Bill for all his assistance, and also to Jeff who has helped her with the laptop, passwords, etc.

Bill explained that when authorities are being transferred within an account, within a non-profit or a for-profit, it’s complicated. The Citizen’s account is still active so we can continue to do business, we just need to make sure, if we transfer to a new bank, that everything clears before we close the account.

2022 Jubilee discussion:

Carole will be sending out the E-Blast for the Anniversary membership discount ASAP. Mary shared her mailing list from the OSU conference, and we will also follow with a mailing to the AOA membership. Barb pointed out that we need to do it soon so people will renew or sign up before our show registration opens.

Barb thanked Nicole for suggesting we put links to the website in the E-Blast, and Carole confirmed that she has been able to get that done.

Bill pointed out the need to recruit more new, hopefully younger breeders into the organization and ultimately to the board.

Nicole inquired about changing the BOD email recipient list to reflect the current directors. Carole explained that she needs to call Jan at Openherd and have her make the changes.

Carole spoke with Chris A. who will be staying on to help us with the show website. They will be getting together after the holidays to go through it, but for now it seems to be up-to-date.

Discussed Helen T. having to cancel her commitment to judge the show. Arturo has agreed to take her place, and we all agreed that we don't need to reorganize the judges any further. Carole talked about having exhibitors placing below 6th place stay in the ring so the judges can give them feedback about their animals, and we all agreed to ask them to do this.

Nicole asked about the payment process for the memberships and show. Carole explained that they mostly go through PayPal, but that we can make a note to send checks (if people prefer) to the Treasurer at Nicole's address. Nicole asked how we know who is renewing, etc. Carole will check on the process, but she and Bill clarified that there is a form which automatically updates the membership listing on the website, and sends an email notification to the appropriate board members (Carole will check on the exact process).

Nicole left the meeting at 7:25.

Carole asked about having Stephanie come Friday to help with halter (possibly Suri's) to move the show along, then do the youth classes on Saturday. She also mentioned that she thinks we should have Wade do the kid's Performance on Sunday so he has a third day of work (which he required in order to come), and all agreed.

We still need a Barn Manager, and a couple of people were brought up who we can reach out to. We will revisit this at the next meeting. Also we discussed how much to pay for this position, and \$2500 was suggested.

Carole will arrange to have the website updated to show the judges.

Arlene joined at 7:36 and Carole gave her a quick update on the meeting discussion.

Ribbons – Carole asked who would like to help with them, and Barb remembered that Mary had offered to help with them. Barb also offered to help since last year Chris A. showed her how it all works and gave her access to the spreadsheets. Carole mentioned that Steinman has been overwhelmed with shortages of help from the pandemic, but changing companies isn't really an option. Arlene offered to pick them up again this year if they are at Steinman's.

Next Zoom Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 1/18/22 at 7:00 pm

Motion by Barb to Adjourn at 7:43, Arlene seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Sodums, Secretary