

Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association – Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2020

Meeting called to order at 8:04 PM

Attendees: Carole Rost, Barb Sodums, Chris Reachard, Randy Strong, Arlene Fusko, Jeff Jorritsma, Bill Oraschin, Chris Armstrong.

Approval of Minutes: 3/3/20 Minutes – **Motion to approve by Jeff, Second by Bill, passed unanimously.**

Treasurers Report – Jeff

As of March 24, 2020:

Current Bank Balance: \$27,609.58
\$15.10 DBT, .45 Foreign exchange fee
-all added back in (card was hacked)

Current PayPal Balance: \$38,679.96

Refunds:

Pohopoco Creek Alpacas - \$411.49

Richard Bohannon - \$1144.73

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Bill, second by Arlene, Unanimous.

Show Options Going Forward

Discussed the option of canceling the show and just reschedule for next April:

Jeff explained that the PA Farm Show Complex will allow us to reschedule anytime, including next year, with the same contract we have now.

Carole – Noted that the facility is still not closed for April

Judges – Nick Harrington-Smith can't travel to the US, and has offered to cancel his contract with no fees.

We would need to look at the calendar and let the facility know the 2021 dates we need.

Suggested that we could ask the same judges to reschedule for next year with their existing contracts.

Discussed the option of canceling the show and planning a different show option for later this summer or fall:

Jeff – He and Lennie (NEAOBA) have talked and it's possible we could have the MAPACA show (either Jubilee or Gala) in conjunction with the Showtacular in October. They will need to discuss and have their boards approve this if we decide we would like to do it.

Discussed how judging could work with fewer judges, flipping from males to females for two separate shows the same weekend.

Carole – Discussed a summer show that Chris Works of PAOBA has suggested involving Fleece, Shorn, and Composite classes. Chris has gotten support from Margie at AOA, and is looking at a small venue in Erie, PA for the weekend of August 7th & 8th.

Bill – Suggested we might want to do an Online Auction (through Openherd) of our currently lined-up Herdsires with a split of 80% to MAPACA & 20% to the owners, and also might be able to auction females for a split of 20% to MAPACA & 80% to the owner. After some discussion most thought online auctions wouldn't be very successful at this time.

General discussion about the above options –

Talked about the viability of having 3 shows in conjunction with the Showtacular, and what that might look like.

It was agreed that we would have the Jubilee vs the Gala if we joined the Showtacular, since most people think of our show more as the "Jubilee".

Question about whether Showtacular will be having a fleece show, which is still under discussion by EAA & NEAOBA.

Barb – Noted that for the PAOBA summer show it might be too hot for trailering animals unless farms have air conditioned trailers, and that there might not be as much interest without Full Fleece classes.

Motion to cancel the April, 2020 MAPACA Show by Barb, second by Randy, Unanimous.

Discussion of what needs to be done for show cancellation:

Chris R. shared that Judy Keske will not be charging us for Spin Off judging, BUT she still would like to judge the samples. Discussed buying 28 ribbons for this and

mailing them to the exhibitors, as well as posting the results on the website, Facebook page, etc.

Full refunds will be given to all MAPACA exhibitors (except spin-off if judged and ribbons are given). Although PayPal charges for giving refunds, they waived the charges for Mary's show, so may do the same for us. We will have to "eat" the charges for taking PayPal payments up front. If Spin-off exhibitors paid for additional classes, Jeff will refund the difference by check.

Need to talk to Don Tompkins about how his registration charges can be worked out.

Bill & Jess A. – What to do about grit & pellets? Should get refund for grit order since we won't need it next year (we will be in the NW Hall with non-slip flooring). Agreed that we should also ask for a refund for pellets. If we can't get a refund Bill offered to store them for next year.

Discussed weekend for April 2021 show. Carole suggested checking Futurity dates and possibly moving our show back a week, but Chris A. remembers that there were issues with the venue for earlier dates in April. They will check their notes from meeting at the show complex.

Chris A. mentioned the need to compensate Sue Ives for her up-front work as well as work necessary to move/reschedule the show.

Jeff will get back to Lennie and move forward with asking their boards if MAPACA can join the Showtacular.

Chris R. – Noted we will need to ask judges if we can transfer their existing contracts to next year.

Bill asked about whether we want to continue to store the carpeting. Decided to leave it for now.

Next meeting will be scheduled once we have some of the above issues ironed out.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:08 PM by Arlene, second by Jeff, Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Sodums, Secretary