

Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association – Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM

Attendees: Carole Rost, Jeff Jorritsma, Bryan Mindte, Bill Oraschin, Randy Strong, Chris Reachard, Arlene Fusko, Barb Sodums; Added to call at 7:50 - Chris Armstrong; 7:47 - Chris Reachard

Approval of Minutes: 3/12/19 Minutes approved. Motion by Arlene, seconded by Jeff, passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Jeff - Unable to access online bank account information at this time. Reported the Paypal account is at \$14,549.

2019 Jubilee

Discussed the low show numbers and possible need to cut some of the judges:

- May need to cut Walking Fleece judges from 2 to 1 (106 current entries), and we may need to give some cancelled judges partial pay due to contracts. Carole will check on that.
- Judy Keske is judging spin-off, so may be ok with not doing Walking Fleece also.
- Chris A. pointed out the need to possibly let judges go in order to stay within our budget
- Discussed possible scenario where one judge could judge Walking Fleece one day and GALA halter the other day, cutting back from 2 GALA judges to 1.
- Chris A. provided numbers from 2018 for comparison (at 30 days out) :
 - o Increase of 91 Jubilee entries and 64 Walking Fleece entries from a month out to the week before the show (424 Halter, 211 WF).
 - o Current Jubilee show entries are at 253 for halter, 219 stalls and 106 entries for Walking Fleece. Entries close on the 10th.

If we only have 30 fleeces for fleece show we'll need that judge to have a second assignment, maybe judge Fleece and Gala?

Discussed other possible Judge assignment scenarios:

Same judge might be able to do the Fleece show and the Gala. Is it safe to do that at this time?

Cheryl G. - WF and Fleece Show?

Fleece judge could do small breeders. Kathy K. could take over for Dave Barbosa.

Carole suggested we might need to let Judy and David go and that they would have plenty of notice. Need to be sure Kathy K. will do WF and Small Breeders. Carole will call her.

Randy pointed out that we may have to change disclosures.

Randy thought we should put Stephanie and Dianna on notice in case we don't have enough Halter entries. Carole will talk to Sue Ives about that and see what her take is.

Motion to let Dave Barboza go and assign Judy K. to only do spin-off. Motion by Arlene, Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Show Set Up & Schedule discussion:

Carole asked if we are doing carpeting on Wednesday.

Jess A. - Tuesday floor will be marked, Weds. morning will put everything down. Would like to get carpet by Tuesday.

Bill is planning to drop MAPACA trailer on Sunday. Flat bed needed to use to pick up Pellets. Bill is not available on Monday.

Arlene will come in Tuesday, pick up ribbons, then arrive. Chris A. will find out when Arlene can pick up ribbons.

Bryan will come Wednesday.

Jeff will come Tuesday or Wednesday.

Jess A. suggested hiring a couple of people to pick up carpet Monday, Bill responded that first thing Tuesday morning will work and he can get it loaded up.

Carole reviewed all early hotel check-in's.

VOLUNTEERS: Slim pickings. Brenda is coming in and can do color checking or whatever else is needed.

Sponsors: TSC sponsored Illinois show and provided Show Buckets. Probably too late for this year. Bill has emailed them but didn't hear back.

Kurt from Pine Creek Structures may do a corporate sponsorship or a dinner sponsorship.

Arlene – will follow up with TSC for this year.

Carole – hay and straw available again this year from Overhome Alpacas. Need to send information out to Sue Ives also: \$5.50 for straw, \$9.50 for hay (3rd cut orchard grass). Chris A. asked about necessity for bedding pellets, but all agreed it's needed.

Arlene will see if TSC might donate bedding pellets as a sponsorship.

Additional miscellaneous:

Polly will not be doing color-check seminar because we can't give her requested compensation.

Since Entries close on the 10th should we plan to meet on the 9th before show closing?

Will put E-Blast our through AOA right before show closes

Discussed money-saving by making ribbons smaller in the future. \$10,000 ribbon budget for this year. May well be improved upon, but working in the dark for now.

Jeff – Chris A. offered to pick up ribbon ordering again. Jeff offered to do this with her. Decided that Chris R. and Jeff will work on this together.

Banquet – Chris R. Will call them tomorrow and find out our options. He and Carole will follow-up.

Adjournment ~ 9:20 PM - Motion to adjourn by Bill, seconded by Arlene.

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Sodums, Secretary