

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

***April 16, 2019***

**Meeting called to order at 8:02 PM**

**Attendees:** Bill Oraschin, Bryan Mindte, Carole Rost, Jeff Jorritsma, Randy Strong, Arlene Fusko, Barb Sodums, Chris Armstrong, Jess Armstrong, Chris Reachard

**Approval of Minutes:** 4/9/19 Minutes approved. **Motion by Arlene, seconded by Bill, passed unanimously.**

**Treasurers Report – Jeff** – Review of recent checks written for show expenses, and paypal debits/credits. Bank Account Balance = 69971.58, Paypal Account Balance = 30127.66, Grand Total = 100099.24. Just sent \$21,000 for hall rental and sent Proof of Insurance to show that hall had been added to policy. Show is taking possession of Hall on Monday. **Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report by Bill, second by Arlene, Unanimous.**

### **2019 Jubilee**

#### **Show Manager Update - Chris R.:**

Now have Championships in all colors for Fleece show except Black, but will definitely have a Dark Championship that will include the blacks. Randy and Chris are still contacting people about entering fleeces.

Spin off is at 32, Fiber Arts and Skein at 16, which is pretty good. Theresa Jewell judging Fiber Arts & Skein in exchange for a Walking Fleece entry fee.

Dinner tickets are at 111 sold and a few comp’ed tickets, Invoice will come down by 25 from 200 to 175, and still have 64 tickets available.

Ribbon order - \$8209.58 = cost after all the extra banners, performance ribbons, etc. Bill asked cost of each Fleece Ribbon - Flat ribbons for spin off, fiber arts & fleece – 1.06. Walking Fleece – Ribbons are \$5.25 each, and banners are from 23.00 – 24.75. Banner order alone was \$2740.25 & set up fees & tax. Small Breeder Rosette banners are \$23, Walking Fleece \$20.25.

**Jess –Barn Grit:** Farm Show complex offers it at 6.99/bag, but Jess found out today that they are back ordered and may not have it in. He therefore has 22 on hold through a local mill, and some from another at \$4.50/bag (total of at least 30). Will need to get a truck to get it from there.

**Bill- Stall bedding Pellets** – Ordered. TSC having trouble getting them, so he has 5 pallets of 250 for \$290/pallet from a local place and will pick up on Monday and have them to the venue on Tuesday.

**Chris R. – Fleece boxes** – Bill says we have some in the trailer, but also Office Max sells them in bundles of 35 that can be picked up as needed, so he's not ordering any.

**Additional Items:**

Bill will have the trailer at Farm Show on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chris at Classic Alpaca has just called asking for 3 vendor spaces. We are currently using 25 spaces and have 40 available so not a problem.

Bill will do a floor plan for where each vendor will be placed.

Chris A. - website – Added show book that can be paged through online. Renee is doing the printed booklet. Carole will get the .pdf to Chris A. for the website. Carole will pick up all the printed stuff from Renee and bring it with her to the show early.

Carole – Should we cancel getting the large banner? – everyone agreed it's not necessary so not printing it.

Randy pointed out that the website is missing M&M as Emerald Sponsors. Chris A. said reason is that if a farm hasn't paid they aren't listed on the website, so just waiting for them to pay. Jeff verified they haven't paid yet.

Carole – Judge for the Youth classes (Dave B.) concerned about large number of youth performance entries and he wants to be sure there are people available to switch out obstacles, etc.

Hotel – Carole reviewed dates BOD members will be coming in and need rooms at the Staybridge. Carole, Chris & Jess A. and Chris R. & Bill will stay Tuesday in the Dorm rooms. Other people's reservations: Bud coming Thursday and checking out Saturday, Brett needs Saturday night, Cheri for Thursday checking out Sunday. Carole will be making sure all those reservations are in place.

Jeff asked Chris A. about fleece entry numbers. As of spreadsheet update today we have 72 - Fleece Show, 12 - Cottage Fleece.

Walking Fleece judges – Carole - Kathy Klay is hired for 2 days for Walking Fleece, Judy is ok with just 1 day for only Fiber Arts. **Motion to accept this proposal by Jeff, seconded by Carole, unanimous.**

Randy – Pointed out that it's been announced at shows' Exhibitor's meetings that Halter takes precedence over Walking Fleece -but- animals were taken out of exhibitors pen and taken to Walking Fleece at other shows, which is a problem. Chris R. gave assurance that he has told them NO to this for MAPACA the past couple of years, and that it won't be allowed.

GALA Judging – Sue wants us to keep both judges both days. Carole asked Margie (to clear with AOA) and she said it was a big “No-No” to let one go, but keeping Stephanie for 1 day and Peter both days she thought would be fine. Randy explained the # of animals each Judge should be able to do according to Senior judges he has discussed it with: Currently Peter has 174, Steph has 163 – 1<sup>st</sup> day (160 minimum and 180 comfortable according to senior judges); Can go from 9 – 6 according to the schedule already up. Peter can finish up by noon on Saturday with Judges Choice. Also allows us to have fewer rings going at the same time.

Carole - Stephanie G. had offered at one point to give up her travel pay of ½ pay/day, although that may not still be on the table. Discussed options for paying less to judges for travel days to and from the show, maybe for next year.

**Motion by Randy to have 2 Judges for GALA on Friday, and Peter finishing up GALA on Saturday, so Stephanie G. will Judge for only 1 day (Friday), seconded by Barb, Unanimous.**

Discussed schedule for youth costume parade, Judges Choice, lunch times, etc. to finalize schedule as best we can. Randy pointed out that we need to have a unified lunch break even if its in the middle of a color group so that we can keep things going.

Timing for Dinner and Auction – List dinner for 5:00, everyone seated and dinner starts at 5:30, Auction at 6:00.

Shearers? – Chris R. “good to go”.

**Motion to adjourn at 9:50, seconded by Arlene, unanimous.**

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