

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

***April 9, 2019***

**Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM**

**Attendees:** Carole Rost, Jeff Jorritsma, Randy Strong, Arlene Fusko, Barb Sodums; Added to call: 8:02 - Chris & Jess Armstrong; Chris Reachard came on at 8:00

**Carole** – Thank you to Jeff and Chris A. and Chris R. for working so hard on the budget

**Approval of Minutes:** 3/26/19 Minutes approved. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Randy, passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report – Jeff** – Bank Total = \$95,746.27. Paypal Total = \$13,171. Grand Total = \$107,841.22  
Motion to approve treasurer's Report by Randy, Seconded by Carole, passed unanimously.

### **2019 Jubilee**

Dorm room over facility – rented one of four. Each has 6-8 beds. Chris & Jess A. offered to stay there during 3 set-up days then move to hotel during show to help defray costs. Agreed to accept their offer.

The Armstrongs also requested we hold off on their final payment until we know how things shake out financially.

Discussed the process that caused elimination of fleece show. It was decided to open up the discussion of whether to reinstate it or not.

Carole - Cheri Seiler let her know Cottage Fleece still needed to be judged because it isn't closed just because fleece show is closed. Cheri will waive her \$500 fee, but still come set up cottage fleece show if we pay for a night's hotel. Confusion w/Margie at AOA – She says no cottage fleece without fleece show, but rule book says otherwise. Reviewed rules - can have Level 1 fleece show with 37 fleeces.

Chris R. – 17 Fleeces, 9 Cottage Fleeces, 26 total, only 10 away from necessary. Now we have 6 more possible from Emelise plus CasCadNac's numbers which would put us over the 37 needed.

Carole – cost will be \$5000, Randy asked for clarification. Carole cited Judges cost, Cheri at \$1000, plus their hotel rooms.

Cheryl G. can judge over 75 fleeces in a day, so she'll be there and paid for one day. She could still help out in WF also.

Leaves 1 plus ½ of a judge for WF.

Chris R. - Kathy Klay is the main 2-day WF judge. Cheryl can come back for extra WF the same day (still part of fleece show). The 2<sup>nd</sup> WF judge was Judy K., but she's already paid for judging spin-off so ask her to accept single day pay as her salary. 13 of the 17 original have already been taken out and we'll need to get them back.

Discussed financial repercussions of having vs. not having fleece show.

Jeff - Motion to reinstate fleece show, Second by Randy, one opposed, motion passed.

Chris R. Will make calls to get more fleeces. Carole will put out a Constant Contact Blast that Fleece Show is back on, thanks to farms wanting to enter fleeces. Chris A. can contact Don and ask him to close fleece show registration later next week.

Chris A. - #s for Jubilee, Gala & small breeders:

- We have a thorough review of numbers.
- Total Jubilee 374 halter, within 51 of last year's number.
- Gala not as close.
- Tomorrow show closes, but we can leave it up and hopefully it won't go over 99 max.
- Show income – total for all shows & auction projection of 15000 = \$152,847; 249 stalls, last year hit 279.
- Link to budget spreadsheet re-sent to board.

Crimp & Curl Café – Agreed to set up near banquet area and use those tables for people to eat instead of using separate high-tops. Will save a couple hundred dollars probably. May need to cover the round banquet tables.

Chris A. Asked Arlene – Number and cost of hats for volunteers? = \$216 (27)

Chris A. - Updates to show book on website can be added. She needs pictures/links for auction items, seminar information for update. The Herdsire artwork that Rene created can be added.

After tomorrow the links to various registration sites will be taken down.

Chris A. left call at 8:58 PM

Jess – Barn grit vs. Tar Paper for floor? \$90 – \$100 for grit, \$500 for tar paper 3' wide plus tape. Guesses labor will take 6 hours to do entire area. If it's just around the ring it may be less.

Barn grit is the most cost effective route, easier clean up. Might want to double the amount to be sure we have enough.

All agreed that grit is acceptable.

Discussed cutting carpeting to fit areas, and also disposal issues. May be a county per ton charge to take it away – could be as much as \$750. Suggested we offer to give it away to exhibitors.

## VOLUNTEERS

Chris R. – Reported that we are a little light. Need gate keepers and 2 ring stewards. Deb Potts may be available to ring steward. 4-H princess can help. Carole R. will add “Need for Volunteers” at end of Eblast that will be going out.

For The Good of the Order? (Anything else to discuss) Discussed auction items, and if they are for silent or live auctions. Vendor donations discussed. Weekend get-a-way in Roscoe- woodland cabins on the Beaverkill River offered today. Kara's mother will be setting up Silent Auction with help from Carole. We have 28-29 items for the live Auction, so close to maxed out.

Need to start auction at 6:00.... Maybe during dessert, to keep people there for the whole time auction is running.

Randy - Brett needs hotel room for Saturday night, Carole will book.

Gala – 1 or 2 judges? Carole says too many for 1 judge. For Gala we can judge Friday and also run over into Saturday, even a full day if needed, so should be ok to finish. Chris R. recommended we wait until end of registration tomorrow, if numbers are still low enough we can let Stephanie go (she wanted to leave early Saturday anyway). Motion by Arlene, Randy seconded, unanimous.

Carole will talk to Sue and we will take an email vote on whether to cut Stephanie or not.

Randy – Reminded that we need to take 5 minutes after every Championship class for people to look at the animals.

Next meeting will be Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Motion by Jeff to Adjourn at 9:34 pm, second by Arlene, unanimous.

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