

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

**May 18, 2021**

**Meeting via Zoom - called to order at 7:09 PM**

**Attendees:** Carole Rost, Barb Sodums, Jeff Jorritsma, Chris Reachard, Bill Oraschin, Mary Reed, Jess & Christine Armstrong joined at 7:10.

**Approval of Minutes:** 4/6 & 4/20/21 Minutes – **Motion to approve both by Carole, Second by Bill, Unanimous – Motion Carried**

**Treasurer’s Report – Jeff:** Report included extensive listing of multiple payments made to cover show/Mapaca expenses.

Current checking account balance (minus outstanding) - \$56,675.04

PayPal Account Balance - \$11,414.05

Total MAPACA Balance - \$68,089.09

Still need to pay:

Scott Young

AOA

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Discussed Breezy Meadows and CherylN Hills show fees owed from last minute cancellation. It was agreed that, due to their extenuating circumstances, it would be fair to ask them to pay half of what they owe to cover MAPACA’s costs.

**Motion by Bill to approve the Treasurer’s Report, and to make a request for Breezy Meadows/CherylN Hills to pay 50% of show fees owed, Second by Barb, Unanimous – Motion Carried.**

Bill asked about next payment for the carpet storage. Jeff reported that EAA will be paying it.

**2021 Jubilee Wrap-Up:**

Chris reported that he had gotten many compliments from people at the show about how things went.

No one reported hearing about any issues from exhibitors about locating the venue, off loading or the check in process.

Shearing – Discussed how late it went (until midnight) and the need to make adjustments next year if we have another 2-day show. Ideas included letting people who signed up for shearing at registration go to the front of the line and allowing farms with only one or two animals to go ahead of farms with multiples.

Shearing should not be an issue if we have a 3-day show because it is spread out over a couple of days.

Christine A. - Reported that there are still a few outstanding items she’ll be invoicing us for.

Asked if anyone had insight into why we had a lot of Class Lists left over. It was thought that this was just a result of some farms that share or bring one another's animals, and ordering 15 – 20% more than needed. Cost was actually only about half of last year's printing.

She reported that she will be updating the Herdsire page on the website very soon.

Auction Recap - Jeff suggested writing Thank You notes to the farms (and others) that donated items or Herdsires to the Live Auction, letting them know who the bid winners were and how much money their items brought. Barb will get the auction information from Jeff and write and mail the notes.

(7:47- Jess & Chris Armstrong off call)

Carole reported that the current budget summary shows we are ending up with a balance of about +\$20,000, Jeff concurred.

Mary offered to cover the cost of the alcohol for the Margueritas. Thank you Mary!

All agreed that the Dinner and Auction with Randy as auctioneer worked out very well and everyone really seemed to have fun.

### **2023 Jubilee Discussion:**

Location discussion - Currently holding the Utz Arena for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of April as well as the Westminster Ag Center for our usual weekend in April.

Since we are going to be in Harrisburg in 2022, it was agreed that there is not an issue with PAOBA planning to be there for their 2023 show, since we will not be there.

Discussed vendor space and Vendor Sponsor placement at the Westminster venue.

There is no A/C, so discussed moving the show back a weekend to April 14 – 16.

**Motion by Jeff to hold the 2023 Jubilee in Westminster, MD the weekend of 4/14-16, second by Barb, Unanimous, Motion Carried.**

Carole will contact Heather at the venue and will put down a \$250 deposit to hold venue. She will let Morgan at Harrisburg know that we are good with PAOBA being there in 2023.

### **2022 Jubilee:**

Can use the Best Western in Harrisburg as our host hotel and can use their Banquet Room and catering for our dinner/auction.

Judges – Amanda hasn't gotten back to Carole yet.

Chris R. suggested the following judge assignments, if possible:

WF – Stephanie, Youth/Performance – Dave B., Jubilee – Amanda and Jude, Gala - Helen and Diana.

Carole had figured out a schedule that would allow us to have only 5 judges by using one twice. Jeff agreed that it would be better to add a judge if needed, rather than book 6 and have to cancel one.

Discussed the pros and cons of having a Fleece Show. Agreed it would probably be better to host a separate Fleece Show at a Hotel or 4H facility, possibly in late winter. To be discussed further.

Superintendent – Waiting for proposals from Scott and Judy.

**Other business:**

Proposed reimbursing Jim from Nite Star Alpacas for his time and gas bringing the trailer to and from the show in Bill's absence. Bill suggested \$200.

**Motion by Carole to send a check for \$200 to Nite Star Alpacas with a Thank You note, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill, unanimous, Motion carried.**

Jeff will send check to Carole and she will forward it with a Thank You note.

Chris suggested we start having Quarterly zoom meetings with our Membership invited and a topic or speaker. The next one could be in June and serve as our Membership meeting with a drive to get more members for our 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary (incentive?).

Discussed when to have other meetings throughout the year.

Barb suggested starting this year with just a couple of Membership meetings instead of 4.

Discussed having the first one in early August.

After further discussion it was agreed to hold a 1 hour Membership meeting the second Saturday in August, sending out an Eblast to attract both old and new members, and to be thinking about a topic and who we could have for a guest speaker.

Mary suggested updating the Member Benefits listing on our website. She will work with Carole on this.

**Next Zoom Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 6/15 at 7:00 pm**

**Motion by Barb to Adjourn at 8:46, Jeff seconded, motion carried.**

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