

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

***July 19, 2022***

**Meeting via Zoom - called to order at 7:38 PM**

**Attendees:** Carole Rost, Barb Sodums, Brad Kessler, Arlene Fusko, Mary Reed, Bill Oraschin

**Nicole Phillips joined the call for a short time to welcome and introduce Brad to the group.**

**Approval of Minutes:** 6/21/22 Minutes – **Motion to approve by Bill, Second by Barb, Unanimous – Motion Carried**

**Treasurer's Report** – Sent by Nicole, reviewed:

\$62958.68 – Bank Account Balance

\$2751.14 - Paypal Balance

\$65709.82 – Total Balance

Portable Hard Drive was Purchased

**Motion to approve by Barb, second by Mary, Unanimous – Motion Carried**

**Carole reported that she is still dealing with the coffee charges from the show, as well as a few hotel reimbursements.**

**2023 Show:**

Carole has talked with Jeff Jorritsma about the pen panels. Jeff might be able to have light-weight panels made and wants to know if we are interested in splitting the cost. Cost would be about \$10,000/group. Jeff is going to come with a price.

The problem of storing and transporting them is still a concern.

The cost for Empire to rent them from Mary is \$9500 which includes hiring Jonathan for set up & tear down, transport and forklift rental.

Once we know what the cost would be for manufacturing, and have a solution for storage and transport, we will discuss it further.

Judges - Mary shared that Helen has cancelled for MABA, and possibly Jude A. will judge AOA, Buckeye and MABA. Arturo is also available for MABA and PAOBA. '22 Fall Buckeye is using Arturo and Helen and Frauka for WF. Empire is a week before and has Jude and Amanda. VAOBA has Beverly Brehm.

Carole asked who we want to ask to judge MAPACA. Helen and Amanda are not available and Arturo is already judging PAOBA and MABA. Discussed possibly sharing the cost to bring judges from out-of-country for Buckeye and MAPACA, which is possible this year because of our April 14<sup>th</sup> date. All agreed that Dave Barboza is a good choice for Youth. Jacob Hart and Frauka will be testing and most likely getting certified to do halter in December so they may be available. Carole will talk to Scott about checking availability of Barboza for Youth and see about bringing Nick over and hiring Jacob once he's certified for halter. Stephanie was pushed down to 1 day last year so we agreed we should hire her for WF this year.

**Fall Event Discussion:**

Bill has followed up with Marty McGee and she isn't available, but we discussed possibly trying to book Marty for a One-day event in 2023.

Lynn Edens was discussed. She gave her talk at the National Conference and is giving it at the PAOBA fleece show also.

A winter event was discussed but it was agreed that weather would be an issue for travel. Barb suggested that this fall there are already a number of events and it might be better to work on planning an event for Fall '23. Carole agreed and pointed out that the calendar is already too full. She also suggested booking Lynn for next Fall.

**Board member terms:**

Barb is going to check into the board members' terms and follow up regarding who needs to be re-elected and what the process is.

**Next Zoom Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 9/20/22 at 7:00 pm**

**Motion by Barb to Adjourn at 8:38, second by Arlene, unanimous - motion carried.**

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