

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

***July 21, 2021***

**Meeting via Zoom - called to order at 7:07 PM**

**Attendees:** Carole Rost, Barb Sodums, Chris Reachard, Bill Oraschin, Mary Reed, Arlene Fusko

**Approval of Minutes:** 5/18/21 Minutes – **Motion to approve by Bill, Second by Arlene, Unanimous – Motion Carried**

**2022 & 2023 Show discussion:**

Chris – Noted that Scott's Contract for 2022 Show Superintendent has been accepted after canvassing the board via Email.

Margie at AOA has informed Chris that we can apply for our show certification and have the show posted on the AOA website.

Chris will request that Angie submit a contract for Walking Fleece Superintendency.

Carole spoke with Diane at PAOBA about sharing the cost to bring Robin (judge from Germany) to judge both of our shows. She will follow-up with this.

Now that Scott is on board as Super, Carole will let him know where we are with judge choices and hiring and turn that all over to him. She has not gotten any contracts yet from the 5 judges needed for the 3-day show.

Carole spoke to Morgan at the PA Farm show – We can do a visit in September to see the renovated N/NW Hall.

Chris will contact the Westminster venue tomorrow to nail down our 2023 show dates - April 14 – 16, 2023.

2022 Host Hotel – Best Western. Contract is in the works for \$105/night. It was decided that the banquet will be held at the Farm Show venue as usual because it's not any more expensive than using the BW would be. Also planning to have the venue provide Appetizer Trays for the Meet & Greet.

Chris requested that we consider what will need to be covered next year now that Christine & Jess won't be in attendance. We need to think about what each of us might want to take on.

Floor lay-out for stall set-up – Mary explained that for her show Jonathan does a great job following the lay-out generated by the program she uses. Jonathan will be at the Fall shows with Light Livestock as usual. Mary can use her program to generate the floor plan if she gets the dimensions of the N/NW Hall.

Agreed that we will not have a Fleece Show or Spin-off, but could possibly do Fiber Arts & Skeins with Angie handling the supervision along with Walking Fleece.

Bill agreed to be in charge of the Photo Contest.

Discussed Judge choices:

Walking Fleece (2 judges on Friday)– Dianna & possibly Dave Barboza

Jubilee – Dianna & Amanda

Gala – Robin & Helen

Performance – Dave Barboza

Website: Show dates & location are on the website. Carole will reach out to Chris Armstrong to have the judges page from last spring turned off for now.

### **Election Discussion:**

Discussed some possible candidates for the open board position left by Jeff. Barb, Mary and Carole agreed to reach out to some people they think might be interested.

Chris will post a request for nominations on the MAPACA FaceBook page.

Nominations are needed by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Carole will work on an Eblast and will ask Jeff to share his contact list.

### **Other items for discussion:**

Bill reported that he was unable to post his upcoming event on the website. Carole will work with Chris Armstrong & Jan at Openherd to fix this.

- Also agreed to have Farm/Member Events be listed in the DropDown Menu.

**Next Zoom Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 8/24 at 7:00 pm**

**Motion by Barb to Adjourn at 8:20, Arlene seconded, motion carried.**

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