

Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association – Board Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM

Attendees: Carole Rost, Jeff Jorritsma, Arlene Fusko, Barb Sodums, Randy Strong, and Bill Oraschin joined meeting at 7:45

Approval of Minutes: 6/25 & 26/19 Minutes approved. **Motion by Arlene, seconded by Jeff, passed unanimously.**

Treasurers Report – Jeff- \$43776.03 account balance. Paid for stage steps and risers, but the check hasn't been cashed yet so that \$9000 is yet to come out. Still will be getting bill for 18 Fiber Arts ribbons that weren't ordered. When received, Jeff will mail them out to exhibitors and include a note apologizing for lateness.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Barb, seconded by Arlene, Unanimous.

2020 Show Plan Discussion:

Show will be in the Main Hall on the 4/23-26, and Morgan approved us bringing in AC but there might be an electric charge depending on how much we need.

For the future, after building construction is completed, we should be able to use the North and Northwest Hall. One side has AC for alpaca stalls.

Show offerings discussion:

Fleece Show – Board would like to keep it. We could have one Judge do Fleece one day and Judge youth activities after Fleece judging is finished.

Small Breeders Show – Possibly could include small breeders in the regular show like the Buckeye show does, and we wouldn't need a second judge for a separate small breeders show. Barb mentioned that it seemed to work well at other shows she's been to and Carole agreed.

Sue Ives says she'll take the same fee as this year, and she would also prefer to have the small breeders included in the regular shows.

Motion to put a contract out to Sue including the items above. Motion to accept by Arlene, second by Jeff, unanimous.

MAPACA BOD Election

Arlene & Bryan's terms are up. Arlene is planning to run again, Bryan not in attendance so ??.

Carole will compose a MAPACA Eblast to recruit candidates to run for the BOD which will be sent out to membership next week.

- Deadline for new candidates is 8/25/19, allowing 2 weeks for members to express interest in running.
- Election is in September, new board to be seated in October.

Continued discussion of 2020 Show Plans

May want to have the BOD members do more of the work that the Armstrong's have been doing. Their fee for the full week plus hotel rooms, etc. could be decreased.

In the past Chris A. has done the show website, ribbon orders, floor plan, stall assignments, etc., some or all of which could possibly be done by BOD members.

Carole pointed out that we definitely need a Barn Manager to take care of a lot of items, including water lines, AC, parking, etc. Jess A. also coordinates getting help from the Mission people, which is needed.

Expenses that could possibly be eliminated or reduced were discussed. Vendor space in lobby and Fleece Show room were both extra charges. (Fleece Room was \$493.38). Carole suggested that we could put them in the main show area. Fleece Show could be behind curtained off area. Jeff asked about charges for using the venue PA system, but Carole explained that it is still much cheaper than when they had to rent and bring in a system.

Bill O. will continue to shop around for the most economical A/C unit we can get.

Possible judges were discussed: Agreed that Sr. Judges should be hired for the Jubilee. There was discussion regarding who the judges are for other shows with close dates to avoid duplication of judges for the same animals. Buckeye is very close and has hired Amanda for females, Jude for males, and Wade for walking fleece. PAOBA is 6 weeks from our show so not as much concern there.

Switching the sex of alpaca being judged by one judge from a close show was suggested.

- Possibilities discussed included Sr. Judges Amanda V., Jude A., Jill M, Sharon L. and Kevin O. Also discussed Wade G. for Walking Fleece and Stephanie G. for Fleece Show and Youth competitions. For the Gala Helen and Nick H. were mentioned.

Sponsorship Discussion: Do they cost too much? Should more perks be given? Barb suggested offering stall space for some of the lower sponsorships to increase interest. Carole will email board members for more suggestions.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 by Arlene, seconded by Jeff, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Sodums, Secretary