

VAOBA Board of Director's Meeting May 13, 2005
Ladysmith Rescue Squad, Ladysmith, Va.

Meeting called to order at 7:50 pm.

Meeting minutes:

There were suggestions for corrections and additions. It was decided the secretary would make corrections and post on the website as a poll for approval.

Committee reports:

- Membership Committee - Hank has talked to Tim (past president of PAOBA) regarding membership fees and complimentary memberships. His organization did not do either. Tim also told Hank that affiliate organizations could no longer give discounts to membership, but we could give coupons to members, at renewal time perhaps, for stalls or other show discounts in the upcoming year.

Hank moved that we offer an honorary membership to the Virginia Secretary of Agriculture. Mike seconded and volunteered to contact him. Ken suggested we send him a letter as well.

Scott Gove, the AOBA affiliate committee member assigned as our liaison, will be contacting us, especially about grants that may be available. He will act in the capacity of a guide to getting us off the ground successfully.

Discussion centered on phone calls and letter details for the membership drive and where to have the open membership meeting. Hank moved to send letter first and then follow up with phone calls. Sue seconded and motion passed. Linda P. moved the letter be approved as amended. Mary seconded and motion passed. It was decided not to mention any specific benefits other than voting rights during the phone calls as they still need to be worked out. A high school was suggested as a possibility for the open membership meeting.

- Caroline County Show Committee - Caroline County Fair Board met but was yet unable to provide us with a budget. Ken felt we would be given at least \$650. Pam volunteered to be the color checker. Members on this committee are Chairperson Sue Ives, Ken, Debbie, David, Mary and Pam.

- No need for Nominations or Education Committee reports at this time.

Old Business:

Sue volunteered to email Terri Phipps' husband, who is a lawyer, the final copy of our by-laws for his input.

Debbie volunteered to print labels, letters, and stuff envelopes for the membership mailing.

Discussion on membership certificates ensued. It was decided to print out membership certificates on nice paper for now and table discussion of membership cards until after we have a logo. The secretary will

print out membership certificates. Certificates will need to be numbered and signed by the president and the secretary. "Membership expires June 30th, 2006" will be added to certificates. The application needs to reflect the change. Sue moved we accept this date as the expiration date for all current and new members in 2005 and Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Glenda suggested we have a membership date for our first annual membership meeting and then follow our bylaws suggested annual date, which is "on or about the third Saturday in March."

Mary moved we set July 23, 2005 as the first annual membership meeting. Linda P. seconded and the motion carried.

It was suggested at least 2 people be authorized to sign checks. Hank moved to allow Linda G. to sign as the treasurer; Linda P. to sign as the registered agent, and Glenda to sign as the president. Linda P. seconded and the motion carried. Glenda will go to the Ashland Bank of Wachovia on Rte. 1 to sign the card.

Sue revisited the sponsor of our vets issue. It was decided to put that on the agenda for the membership meeting.

New Business:

Mike suggested we set agenda for open membership meeting and Glenda advised we would do that at next Director's meeting.

Sharon moved to approve the spending of money for stamps and paper and printer supplies for costs incurred for the printing and mailing of the membership letter. Linda P. seconded and the motion carried.

Ken suggested the president appoint chairs for each of the existing committees. Chairs are:

Hank - Membership Committee

Sue - Caroline Show Committee

Debbie moved we fund the reserving of the domain name of VAOBA.org, .net, .com asap. She volunteered to reserve the domain name and maintain it. There was discussion of who to use as a registrar and a host. Yahoo was suggested. Debbie will find out if domain is available and look for prices. She will email info to us.

Mike will check on high school site for membership meeting.

July 23rd will be Directors meeting first, followed by open membership meeting.

There was discussion about inviting the Secretary of Agriculture to speak at the open membership meeting. It was advised we send him a letter about who we are and what we do and let him choose the topic on which to speak. Sharon should send brochures with the letter. The Honorary Membership will then be given out at the membership meeting. Sharon will create letter to Secretary of Agriculture after Mike gets her the info. She will also send Scott Gove a thank you letter after Hank notifies her he has spoken to him.

Our first donation came from Ken for \$200 from a shearing job he and his son had done

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Next meeting: Saturday, June 25th, 1:00 pm. at the Ladysmith site.
Sharon will post on website.