

VAOBA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of VAOBA was held on Saturday, the 6th of August, 2005, at 1:30 pm., in the meeting room of the Ladysmith Rescue Squad, Ladysmith, Virginia.

In attendance were: Glenda Hertless, Sue Ives, Ken Chapman, Ginny Chapman, Mary Halsted, David Smith, Mike Hertless, Hank Boyd and Linda Polak, representing a quorum.

I. The President, Glenda Hertless, called the meeting to order and presided; Linda Polak, acting secretary of the meeting, recorded the minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes

Directors having reviewed the minutes of the June 25, 2005 monthly meeting of the Board prior to this meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the Minutes were approved as presented.

Directors having reviewed the minutes of the July 10, 2005 special meeting of the Board prior to this meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the Minutes were approved as presented.

Directors having reviewed the minutes of the July 23, 2005 Membership Meeting of the Association prior to this meeting, and the change being made to set forth that 54 farms attended, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the Minutes were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Linda Polak, registered agent, presented the financial report stating that the current balance of funds is \$5,219.00.

IV. Old Business

A. July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting –

Directors discussed the success of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, noting that the speakers were excellent and well received; that the attendance was extremely encouraging and indicated a real need for the Association. Also, directors discussed the possibility – in response to a member's question – of membership meetings for the purpose of networking more often than the once

a year election meeting. Perhaps these can be held in different parts of the state, or at large shows where many members are likely to be attending.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was decided that a follow-up letter would be sent to the Virginia farms on the invitation list describing the success of the meeting, the results of the questionnaires, agenda/action items for the Association, and encouraging those who have not joined to do so.

#### B. Membership Committee Report –

Hank Boyd, Membership Committee chairman, reported that the feedback he had received at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> membership meeting was all very encouraging; three new people had signed the roster for working with membership; and 11 new members joined at the meeting.

In response to the suggestion of an attendee, Hank would like to begin area membership drives at the end of the summer. He would contact farms in different areas of the state to request that they organize a group in their area, and then a small group of directors could visit and discuss the need for, and benefits of, joining the Association.

The questionnaires were summarized, noting attendees were most interested in Marketing, Education, Show, Fiber Knowledge and Youth Activities in that order. Also, a draft list was drawn of the new committee volunteers; there are new volunteers for each of the standing committees, as well as a new committee – the fiber/mill committee – formed at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, with Teri Phipps as its chairperson.

#### C. Nominations Committee Report –

Ken Chapman, Nominations Committee chairman, reported that there are a number of items, procedural and otherwise, he would like to discuss with the Board. He is in process of preparing these and will defer the presentation/discussion to the September meeting of the Board.

#### D. Education Committee Report –

Neither Pam nor Geoff Whiting, Education Committee chairs, could attend this meeting; however, Pam had requested that the new volunteers for the education committee be forwarded to her for her contact; and wanted to inform the Board that she will very soon begin the process of contacting experts regarding seminars to be held in Virginia, and downloading information from AOBA for grants. Further discussion is deferred to the September meeting.

E. Show Committee Report –

Sue Ives, Show Committee chairperson, discussed the phone conversation with Paige regarding the Blue Ridge Classic and would like to have a meeting with Paige to discuss VAOBA involvement. Sue described research that was conducted, and presented proposals for working with Paige this year, and in future years, which she would like Board approval to present. The Board discussed the parameters of the proposals and, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board approved Sue Ives to conduct the meeting(s) and negotiation(s).

Sue will hold a meeting following this Board meeting with her committee for the Caroline County Fair Show.

V. New Business

A. Directors resignations – Linda Glass, Debbie Woodcock, and Sharon and Dan Roberts have submitted resignations to the Board, all offering to be of assistance in volunteering when needed in the future. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, these resignations were accepted.

The Board discussed the need for a new web designer to chair the web committee, given Debbie Woodcock's resignation from the Board. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board voted to contact those who had volunteered for this committee, in particular to contact Dan who is a graphic designer by his questionnaire response, to appoint a new committee chair.

B. Officer Vacancies

Sharon Roberts resigned her position as secretary; Sue Ives volunteered to fill this position until the regular annual elections of the Association;

Linda Glass resigned her position as treasurer; David Smith volunteered to fill this position until the regular annual elections of the Association;

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Sue Ives was elected secretary and David Smith was elected treasurer of the Association.

C. Committees

Mary Halsted discussed the difficulty of the demands of her personal schedule in addition to the demands of chairing of the PR committee. It was pointed out that quite a few members had volunteered for her committee. This list will be provided to Mary. Because of the overlap

in duties, Directors decided that PR and Marketing should become one committee.

D. Meeting locations

Directors discussed the need to move some of the meetings closer to directors who are located in areas other than the Caroline area, now and as the Association Board spreads out. In particular, it is difficult for the Whitings to make each meeting this far away and, since they are the chairs of the Education Committee, their involvement in meetings is essential.

While the September meeting would be difficult to move because of several Board members' schedules, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the October meeting will be held at the farm of Pam and Geoff Whiting, date and time to be discussed with them at the September meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The September meeting of the Board will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2005, at 1:30 pm, at the Ladysmith Rescue Squad Building.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the August meeting of the Board of Directors of VAOBA was adjourned.

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Linda Polak,  
Acting Secretary