

VAOBA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DECEMBER 4, 2005

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of VAOBA was held on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at 1:00 pm in Ladysmith at the Ladysmith Rescue Squad Meeting Room.

In attendance (representing 6 votes) were: Judy Howe, David Smith, Ken Chapman, Mary Halsted, Glenda Hertless, Mike Hertless, Linda Polak and Sue Ives. Directors not in attendance (representing 4 votes) were: Pam Oakley Whiting, Geoff Whiting, Teri Phipps, Jeanne Pelletier, Robin Hall and Hank Boyd.

The President, Glenda Hertless, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and presided. Sue Ives, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

Approval of Minutes Directors having reviewed the minutes of the November 13th monthly board meeting, after changes made, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried approved the minutes.

Treasurers Report David reported that we were still waiting on payment from one Silent Auction bidder and that all others had paid.

Short Term Deadline Business:

Bylaws changes: Discussion regarding the bylaws changes and wording was headed by Ken Chapman. He will fine tune these changes as discussed and post his work. Once changes are completed, a mailing will be prepared for voting- this will occur within this month.

Business Plan/Budget: This discussion was led by Judy Howe. Geoff emailed an updated draft of the plan just prior to the meeting. The discussion fine tuned the latest draft. At this time, major financial information regarding the show is still not available. It is expected to be in hand by our next meeting.

Old Business:

January Meeting: Linda Polak reported that Harry Leist would be able to accommodate up to 60 people on Saturday, January 21st at his restaurant in the Lynchburg area. It was decided that this meeting will be open to members and non-members alike on a first come first serve basis. Linda will prepare a letter to be sent to the membership and the other farms listed on our master list of VA farms. She will also contact Mr. Odom from the state to speak on Premises ID's.

Committee Reports:

Education: Pam Whiting was unable to attend due to illness and had requested that Linda let us know that Pam had lined up Al Beatty for a February Fiber Seminar. A date will be chosen in February for this first seminar that will be free for members. A location in Northern Virginia will be chosen for this seminar since the membership meeting is central/west.

Membership: Hank Boyd was unable to attend.

Show: Sue Ives was unable to give a report due to not having the 2005 Blue Ridge info at the time of the meeting. Paige has stated that she should be able to have it to us before the holidays. We will choose a date and location for our 2006 show as soon as we have the information needed to make the decisions. Discussion did occur regarding using Paige as Show Superintendent. There was an inferred agreement at the initial meeting with Paige, when she gave VAOBA sponsorship privileges for the 2005 Blue Ridge

Classic, that she would be the show super. The board is not in agreement that she should be. Discussion tabled to next meeting.

Newsletter: Discussion on the newsletter. Those who had read it had no problem with content. It was suggested that the left hand side be reserved for board and editor articles and that in the future all vet articles appeared in the other content section. Comment was made that not all members could view this in the manner intended- not all have the same program on their computers. Although it was previously agreed that we would stay electronic with the newsletter for the time being, directors would like to pursue having it printed. Sue Ives offered to contact Susan Schmidtke regarding this.

Website: It was decided to contact Mark Bisson from Hope of Glory Farm regarding building a web site for VAOBA, outlining our wants and needs for the site. Sue Ives will email him regarding this and report at the next meeting.

Adopt-A-Paca: Glenda is checking with Ohio State on this.

Breed Standard Type Conference: Our AOBA Liaison, Scott Gove has indicated to Linda Polak that MaPaca will not be hosting a Breed Standard Type Conference and suggested that VAOBA consider doing this. Directors in attendance briefly discussed. To be continued at the next meeting.

New Business: none

Next meeting will be held on January 8, 2006 at Glenda and Mike Hertless'. Note that this is the anniversary of the first time most of us got together. Time is set for 1 pm.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before this meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the December 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors of VAOBA was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted:

S. Ives
Secretary