

VAOBA
Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting
Of Board of Directors

January 8, 2006

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of VAOBA was held on Sunday, January 8, 2006 at 1:00pm at the home of Mike and Glenda Hertless.

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

Jane Christie was invited to make a presentation regarding the Deep Run Hunt Club as a possible venue for the 2006 VAOBA show. Her presentation included photographs taken when she toured the grounds. This was presented as a less expensive venue than Nutmeg Farm located 3.3 miles from the I-64 exit and 15 miles west of Richmond. It can easily accommodate 300+ animals. It has covered stalls, a covered grandstand, outside open air rings. She will talk with the Hunt Club board representative regarding securing this venue. Ken made motion; Linda seconded for Jane to investigate use of Hunt Club for November show.

Other site options that were looked into were the Capital Center (?) which does not want animals; Prince William County Fairgrounds which did not look too secure.

The President, Glenda Hertless, called the meeting to order and presided. Mary Halsted recorded the minutes.

Approval of Minutes: Directors having reviewed the minutes of the December 4, 2005 meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, approved the minutes.

Treasurers Report: David is waiting for some receipts, ie, one farm still owes for silent auction from the show and some receipts from purchase of Norm Evans newest edition book. David will investigate possibility of getting set up to accept credit card payment for VAOBA activities. May be cost prohibitive but Ken made motion, Mary seconded for David to investigate. He will also look into getting a debit and/or credit card in order for VAOBA to be able to have the availability of online purchase/reservation of the domain names so that the web site can be in VAOBA's name.

Short term deadline business

AOBA Grant. The Category 1 grant exists for education, start up events. Education alone could qualify for \$3,000. and if a show is also involved, a total of \$5,000 is possible. It was agreed that we should go after this grant which has a January 15th

submission deadline. Sue Ives and Judy Howe will work on it. Ideas for seminars included 'All Things Considered' presented by Tom Cameron and Steve Hull; a type of Alpaca 101 and Tax advantages put on by an accountant.

[A phone took place between Steve Hull and Sue Ives- they do not feel it was appropriate for a show venue as it is an all day event and requires people to pay attention. Too intense for a show situation. Suggested instead that we train a team of VAOBA members to present hourly info and "show & tell" to the public during the show. Offered to give the seminar at our annual meeting- the seminar could take place during the day with a dinner meeting following. This information was relayed to the board]

January 21, 2006 meeting

Mr. Odom from the VA Dept of Agriculture will speak on Premises ID; Dr. Karen Baum had requested of Glenda the opportunity to speak on the Alpaca Research Foundation.

24 people in addition to the board have rsvp'd thus far. We should expect questions on: February 25th seminar on fiber in Stafford County; By-law proposed changes.

Agenda will be submitted prior to meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership- Hank Boyd researched the legal ramifications of putting member's names and other identifying information on the VAOBA forum site without member permission and learned there is very little liability, i.e., that people join these sites wanting their information to be public to others. Hank made motion; Linda seconded, that we publish the VAOBA directory on our website. All agreed.

We have 4 new members and 4 inquiries for membership.

Hank reminded everyone that any board member can and should campaign for new members, not just Hank and the other membership committee members.

Hank received a "letter of interest" regarding items he wanted VAOBA to assist him with. Linda stated that she had previously corresponded with this person. Sue offered to reply to this letter and point him to the forum for answers to his questions.

Show – Judi Bisson will be the Assistant Show Committee Chair. Any other show discussion took place earlier in this meeting.

Web Design- It was decided that there should be a committee formed. The hope is the Mark Bisson will agree to chair this committee. Sue will email. It was also agreed that Mark Bisson should be taken up on his offer of a basic web site.

Nominations Committee- Ken is waiting for the responses to the proposed by-law changes before proceeding further with the nomination committee duties.

New Business:

Policy statement regarding non-board members attending board meetings. Sue to write up a policy statement which mirrors that of AOBA regarding board meetings being closed to non board members. This will be posted on line for approval and then on the forum.

Next meeting: Brief meeting before the start of February 25th event. Saturday, March 4th at the Ladysmith Rescue (if available), otherwise at Wildwood Alpacas.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.