

VAOBA
Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting
Of Board of Directors

April 22, 2006

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Saturday, April 22nd at the Ladysmith Rescue Squad Building.

In attendance, representing a quorum, were: Glenda Hertless, Linda Polak, Ken Chapman, Robin Hall, Judy Howe, Dave Smith and Sue Ives.

Meeting called to order at approximately 12:00pm

March minutes were approved with a minor change in wording made by Glenda Hertless.

Treasurers report:

Old business:

Vote results: the bylaws votes were tallied and there was a quorum with the bylaws changes passing.

Newsletter: Susan Schmidtke requests that all submissions for the newsletter be in by May 10th at the latest. She is in need of committee reports and presidents message.

Web site: Mark Bisson is currently working on the membership list; member farms map. Looking for input.

VAOBA Alpaca Expo: The certification papers were mailed along with the checks for certification for a Level III show. This was sent return receipt requested and signed for on March 9th.

Committee Reports:

Membership- Hank Boyd Chairman
Hank did not attend this meeting

Nominations- Ken Chapman Chairman
Ken reported now that the vote to approve the bylaw changes was in he would be in contact with his committee and they would begin the process to find candidates for the next board.

Education- Pam Whiting Chairman

Although Pam was not at the meeting she joined us by cell phone. The upcoming Dr. Baum Neonatal Seminar was discussed. It was agreed upon that there would be a nominal charge to members in the amount of \$30.00 and that non-members would be welcome to attend with a fee of \$50.00. Members would have first chance at the 40 spaces. It was decided that coffee and donuts would be served in the morning with a catered but simple lunch to include drinks. Pam would be writing up an email blast for this which Sue would send out to the membership. She will also include it in her newsletter submission.

Political Action- Linda Polak, Chairman – She reported she has been waiting to hear from Dr. Pitts of the state vets office regarding the letter she had previously sent to him along with the requested back-up regarding the testing being eliminated for entry into VA by camelids. She will continue following up on that.

Show Committee- Sue Ives Chairman – We are currently waiting for Paige to give us the Entry booklet so that it can be submitted to the Show Division for certification approval. Patty Fuller has her forms ready for the Fiber end of it. Judy Bisson, Assistant chair, has received a quote on the pen panels. It is astronomical and would put us way over budget. These panels are the kind used at MaPaca Jubilee. They would come to us out of NY and the shipping alone would run \$7,000. We would be able to knock that off if we could go to NY to get them but it was decided this was in no way practical. The panels themselves go for \$10.00 rental each. We would need 492 to accomplish what was needed. It was decided that we would not use panels on the barn stalls to give the alpacas access to the outside. A visit to the site since those plans were made showed that there was a lot of vegetation that wasn't immediately identified. Rather than expose any of the alpacas to grazing on something they shouldn't we will instead come up with a plan to make the stall gate more secure. It was pointed out that we could purchase 4"x4" goat panels at TSC in 16' lengths for approximately \$30.00 each. These could then be cut to size and then attached to the wooden gates making them more secure. For \$900 we could purchase these and if the same location is used next year we would have them already. Or, they could be sold. They are very handy to have around the farm for various uses. We decided that this would be better than spending money on panel rentals. We will however be checking with Ernie Kellogg (Hank sees him frequently and will do this) to see if he will be interested in renting us panels that he will probably be purchasing for his new Auction house.

New Business:

Type Conference. Scott Gove contacted Glenda regarding VAOBA becoming involved in securing a location for the type conference that will be underwritten by MaPaca. MABA is also involved in this. It was agreed that we should look into this.

Next Meeting: May 23rd Aunt Sarah's Pancake House in Carmel Church

Meeting adjourned: 5 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Ives, Secretary