

VAOBA
Minutes of July 18th Meeting
of the Board of Directors

Directors in attendance of this special meeting of the VAOBA BOD, held at the Ladysmith Rescue Squad on July 18th, representing a quorum were: Glenda Hertless, Linda Polak, Ken Chapman, Judy Howe, Mary Halsted , David Smith and Sue Ives.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

No formal agenda as this was primarily a planning meeting for the Annual Membership Meeting to be held on July 29th in Charlottesville.

Prior to the planning session:

Education Committee: Since it had been made known that Pam Whiting wanted to relinquish the job of Education Committee Chair and just serve on the committee, Sue Ives and Judy Howe had approached a friend, Dawn Dolpp with the idea of taking on the position of chair. Dawn provided a statement that outlined her thoughts and what she would like to see happen with education with respect to seminars and workshops. Those present agreed that she would be an acceptable replacement for Pam. Pam would continue to handle the Julie Wassom Marketing seminar and any other active business that was going on but Dawn would be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting, by Pam, as the new committee chair. Linda would discuss this all with Pam. It was noted that this would be a good time for the change over with respect to a new board being seated.

Judy Howe put her project of coming up with job descriptions for the committee chairs before the board. This had been emailed to the board members and Pam had sent input that she was in agreement except that she wanted to see it worded that committee chairs, at their discretion and with board approval, would be able to change the guidelines as needed. We all agreed on that. Sue Ives turned in job descriptions from the AOBA Show Division Handbook so that they could be factored in to the Show Committee Chair's responsibilities. As presented there were some items that would fall under the Show Superintendent's jurisdiction. It was her thought that it would be good to align our committee with the job descriptions from AOBA from the start. Judy accepted the input and would adjust.

We discussed that the year in review letter needed to be written so that it could be mailed along with the Marketing Seminar information. Linda would see to that right away. Judy volunteered to photo copy the letter and Marketing Seminar information and Sue would mail. The Marketing Seminar info would also be emailed.

We also discussed that the email to the membership announcing the change in Show Superintendent needed to be written and it was agreed that Linda would also write that. Sue had notified that show committee via an email to them and there had been some feed

back from that. It was thought that by emailing the information in advance it would not become a topic at the Annual Membership Meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing and planning the agenda for the July 29th meeting. The meeting was set to begin at 2pm. Ken Chapman will make an announcement at 2pm that if any voting needed to be done by new farm members or anyone wanted to change their votes that they had until 2:15pm to do so. It was decided that Glenda would open the meeting and take it through to when the election results were announced at which time Linda would take over as new president. Glenda would work on the agenda and send it around for any adjustments needed.

Final item: Caroline County fair. Ken Chapman presented an opportunity for a very nice alpaca display at the county fair to be held in August. There would be no alpaca show this year due to the extreme heat present in August. It was tried last year and was not good. Instead of that we will have just two alpacas on exhibit (Ken has offered two of his) in a pen which will adjoin an air conditioned 10' x 20' tent within the big agriculture tent. In this space will be display boards and anything fiber related from raw to finished goods. The idea is to use this as a prototype for a VAOBA fair display that others can use as a model for their county fairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. No board meeting date has been set as this was the final meeting of the current board.