

Virginia Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2008

In Attendance:

Sue Ives (President)
Linda Polak (Past President)
Joanna Maas (Secretary)
Les Fuller (Director at Large)
Judy Howe (Director at Large)

Meeting was called to order at 7:47 pm.

Judy moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting; Les seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report :

Current bank balance is \$41,058.98; we just deposited \$9610.00 (mostly sponsorship money.)

Wachovia reported fraud on the VAOBA card; associated emails are attached. Linda has submitted required affidavits and we are waiting for final resolution of this.

Committee Reports:

Education: (report submitted by Patty Fuller)

Nothing to report at this time.

Fiber Committee:

Nothing to report at this time; meeting coming up.

Industry Relations:

Linda has sent info to Geoff Whiting, found that alpacas were not included in Livestock Compensation bill. We are notifying them of this omission.

Membership:

One new farm membership has been received; we are holding for next year. They have reworked and finalized the welcome letter.

Marketing:

No report.

Newsletter:

Newsletter is being “tweaked” (new software) and it will be going for printing this week.

Show Reports:

Ben Rogers - Sponsorship Coordinator:

Current sponsors:

- Platinum: A.L. Paca’s Farms
Mary’s Alpaca, LLC
Flying Pony Alpacas, LLC
Sunset Hills Farm Alpacas, LLC
Double “O” Good Alpacas
- Gold: The Alpacas of Cedar Knoll, LLC
Warford Creek Alpacas, LLC
- Silver: Heartline Alpaca Farm & Fiber Arts Studio
Whitestone Farm
- Bronze: Angelic Alpacas
Sunset Acres

Sue Ives – Halter show superintendent

- Added Fleece judge as we anticipate getting to a Level III show – David Freedman (NY) – scored the highest on the fleece testing in becoming a judge! – will judge whites/light huacayas and suris.
- Lighting plan for halter judging – very important for suris to show luster.
 - Handheld light (not held by ring steward) will be provided to adequately light for judging.
- Show Survey Report – will be sent via email for review.
- Training Seminars – Training is scheduled for Aug 9-10th at Marien Burkett’s farm.
- Ideally, we should plan on having three teams of color checkers.

Judy – Compliance Team Coordinator

got two more volunteers, but don’t know if they can make training.

Trailer purchase

No action taken last month. At present VAOBA obstacle course items are being stored in a cargo trailer owned by Chuck & Sue Ives. Since they do not (and have not had) use of this trailer for the last two years anyway they have decided that if VAOBA would like to purchase this trailer to be used for VAOBA storage it will be available to VAOBA for \$2,500. The trailer is in excellent condition and was purchased new in 2004 for approximately \$3,000. Since it has been “garaged” at Alpacas of Nottingham Hollow these years there is a spot for it and it could continue to stay on site.

Board (minus Sue) will discuss this option via email and report back.

Annual Meeting:

Discussion was held on whether or not to move the annual meeting from Charlottesville – it is the most central and accessible location for all. The Forest Building will not work as it is only available on Monday and Fridays. A consistent meeting spot is a good thing. We do need to secure the venue.

David Barbosa is speaking on the new AOBA Youth committee and benefits of AOBA membership, also answering questions re: AOBA.

Registered Agent

Defined as designee for the State Corporation Commission (contact person) – gets franchise tax bill, sends annual reports, etc. Linda has done this since the formation of the corporation. Needs to be an officer, director, or a member of the State Bar. As Linda is going off the board, we will have to make this change with the state. We may want to consider an attorney, but they charge a fee for this service.

Sue thinks it would be appropriate at this point for VAOBA to hire an attorney to function as our registered agent. This might lead to the development of a relationship in case we ever need an attorney.

When VAOBA was set up, Linda was always on the bank account as a registered agent, but we would not need them on the account as a registered agent.

Sue moved that we locate an attorney to act as VAOBA's registered agent. Judy seconded; motion passed unanimously. Linda will try to look at possible attorneys with a non-profit background. We should probably discuss this via email and make a decision.

Nominations

Must have voting package to members no later than June 26th. We still need nominees for the president-elect position and the treasurer's position.

Joanna moved to adjourn; Judy seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Maas