



# Virginia Alpaca Owners & Breeders Association

## Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2008

### Call Meeting to Order

#### Attendance:

Keli Harold (President)  
Ken Crews (President Elect)  
Sue Ives (Past President)  
Joanna Maas (Secretary)  
Fred Obenchain (Treasurer)  
Judy Howe (Director-at-Large)  
Les Fuller (Director-at-Large)

Meeting was called to order at 7:37pm.

#### Approve Minutes: September 15, 2008

Sue had a name correction and an additional comment regarding the phrasing of some concerns in discussion of memberships.

Les moved to substitute Sue's circulated comments into the minutes; Sue seconded; approved unanimously.

Les further moved to accept the minutes pending changes; Judy seconded; approved unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report:

All of September:	Opening:	70927.42
	Deposits:	44740.00
	Expenditures:	8540.18
Balance at beginning of October:		107127.24



Additional deposits: have been made of \$8470.00, \$6259.00; Sue has additional checks to be deposited (not many) (3708.00)

Total: \$121956.24

88 pages show books – 5600+277 shipping

The projector has been purchased; Les will bring the receipt to the show.

Fred will bring his checkbook and a cash box for the store and show expenses; someone will need to withdraw cash for change for the store. Fred will contact Catie regarding her needs.

**Committee Reports:**

Education Committee – no report received from Patty. She has been making sure everything is ready for the show.

Fiber Committee – No report submitted.

Industry Relations – There will be a meeting Nov 19 in Glen Allen; purpose is to discuss its policies to be presented to the General Assembly. With regard to testing waivers – we need to go to the AgBusiness Council to lobby for this. This is an all-day meeting (with lunch - \$45); we would like any of Keli, Geoff Whiting; and Linda to go. Sue suggested that we have Paige McGrath to go with us as a llama person (a united camelid front) and submit a position paper to request a waiver for show attendance only (to get our foot in the door – we would eventually like to have it removed all together for tb/brucellosis from tb/brucellosis free states.) Paige's her Virginia Classic show is being hurt by not having the waivers. We have statements from many exhibitors that they may not be able to attend due to the added expenses. Sue suggested Jody Larson as well; Keli and Sue will come up with a finalize list off-call.

Fred brought up concerns about alpacas in the junction of urban/rural ownership – many of the regulations allow for horse ownership but not alpacas. Keli suggested that this might be something to take before the Ag Business Council to address statewide.

Marketing – rolling – Tholan Associates have been sending press releases and media kits all over the state. Keli will be willing to receive press on Friday and pass them to people willing to be interviewed at the show.



Membership - Since the last roster update, we have received 16 new or renewed memberships, bringing total memberships to 122. We will revisit the membership application updates after the show.

Newsletter - November 1 is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter. Also, don't forget to stop in and see the 4H.

Show:

Judy says we are ready for the show!!

At banquet, Keli will be getting up and thanking all the coordinators.

Only 8 tickets are available for the banquet.

We will need to print class lists on Friday evening and will probably have to pick them up on Saturday morning in Roanoke.

Fred had several sponsor farms that did not submit ads (despite chasing) and some who submitted in incorrect format, but it got done and there was room for a map of the site and a listing of all items in the silent auction.

Les said that if anyone needed signage they should contact Patti ASAP; also, we will need to get gifts for 7 speakers – we would be grateful if Patti would get gifts for ~\$25 each.

**Old Business:**

Sue Ives ordered checkbooks for VAOBA for Fred.

VAOBA trailer: The VAOBA Board of Directors voted unanimously to purchase a gently-used, 2003 Horton Hauler trailer in excellent condition from Chuck and Sue Ives for \$2,250.00. We will need someone to bring it back from the show, find a place for it, license and pay taxes, etc.

Les suggested that we check with the VHC about leaving it there for at least a short time; Fred will check w/ Double O Good re: whether they might be able to bring it home.

**New Business:**

Judy will come up with a survey for Expo attendees. Does it make a difference to attendees if we have a 60/40 vs a 50/50 show?



Next meeting is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

**Adjournment:**

Fred moved to adjourn; Les seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Maas