

Virginia Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2010

Attendees:

Sue Ives – President-Elect
Fred Obenchain – Treasurer
Les Fuller – Director at Large
Hank Boyd – Director at Large
Robin Watson – Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 pm.

Minutes from meeting of June 7th, 2010 were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$29,896.12
Available Balance: \$35,428.78

Fred discussed current activity on the accounts along with the new credit card reports. The Board discussed VAOBA and VAOBA Expo website domain names and whether to set up automatic annual renewals for them. Sue motioned to keep all of the website domain names and to put them on automatic renewal. Everyone agreed. Also discussed was credit card processing during show registration and complaints about that process. It was determined that Don should be contacted to correct the process since VAOBA is using his software for registration. Fred will connect with Don to see how this can best be handled. Les motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Robin seconded and all agreed.

Committee Reports:

Youth Committee: Fred thought that his 4H club and Infinity Acres are the only active groups currently. Thought Sherry from Alpaca Pastures was thinking about starting a 4H club.

Education Committee: Joanie Pond of Winterberry Farm Alpacas and Pat Hamilton of Virginia Breeze Alpacas have both expressed an interest in being on the committee. The Board approves their willingness to serve. Fred accepted their offer to serve, Hank seconded and all agreed.

Fiber Committee: No report submitted for this meeting.

Industry Relations: John prepared a brochure and Sue will send it out via email for Board approval. John would like some assistance with completing it. Hank asked whether there had been any discussion about blue tongue. Sue said that the VA Register Site public comment period comes out every 2 weeks and that they had not posted anything since July 5th. This topic (blue tongue, TB, brucellosis) needs to be brought to the members for participation and comments.

Marketing: No report submitted. (Need Volunteers).

Membership: Hank reported 2 new people and 9 at the meeting. Fred reported 5 new people (who are not in time for ballots, must have a July 23rd, postmark).

Newsletter: Some ideas from the Kinsers include adding regularly occurring sections to the newsletter such as genetics and a newsletter exchange with neighboring states. They would like some feedback from the Board.

VAOBA Expo Show Report: Currently there are 3 platinum sponsors and 210 entries for the spinoffs.

Action Items:

Vet School Support: Les discussed continuing to foster relationships with VA Tech. Dr. Mark Christman is leaving but Katie Wilson is returning. Patti would be willing to serve in a VT liaison position. Fred suggested creating a VET Committee since they have a relationship with VT and it is the only teaching school in the state, Patti knows the appropriate people to talk to and can foster this relationship. Donna Snyder may have a rapport with another college and design school. This item was left as an open item to discuss next month with the new Board.

Election: As of today, 42 ballots have been received. There are 102 current members. Les will tally the votes on July 27th, 2010. Sue thought that there needs to be a quorum of 30% of the membership to vote for the election to be valid. Hank motioned to extend the current membership until July 23rd and all unsigned ballots would be considered this year, Sue seconded and everyone agreed.

Bylaw 5.9: Bylaw 5.9 was discussed for Board Member attendance. It was determined that no negative impact occurred on any votes taken by any members during the last 12 months due to attendance. Sue will remind the new Board the importance of their presence at each meeting.

Resignation: Sue motioned to formally accept Ken Crews' resignation, Les seconded and all agreed. When the new Board is in place a decision will be made about the vacancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Watson
Secretary 2010-2011