

Board Meeting January 8, 2013

Joe Kyger, President
Pat Hamilton, Secretary
Sue Ives, Treasurer
John Hanna, Director at Large
Al Dillon, Director at Large
Donna Higgason, Director

Meeting Called to Order at 7:11 p.m.

MINUTES: Donna makes the motion to accept the December 2012 minutes – John seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Al Dillon makes the motion to approve the treasurers report – Donna seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: No report.

FIBER COMMITTEE: No report.

MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: No report.

NEWSLETTER: No report.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Al reports that the nominating committee has one person for every position for the election.

Al asks when nominations go out to the membership. Sue suggests that we try to get more people to run for each position. Al asks if we can send out an eblast to ask for volunteers to run for office. Donna will put something in the newsletter and pass that to Pat for the eblast.

OLD BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA: Joe Kyger talked with Brian Bois and Brian has decided that he would like to leave his resignation in place – Donna makes the motion to accept the resignation – Al Dillon seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

Joe tells Al Dillon that now we will need nominees for President, President Elect, and Director at Large.

Donna makes a motion to ask Judy Howe to serve as Director until the Election – Pat Hamilton seconds – no other nominations – John Hanna makes the motion that we close the nominations – Al Seconds – all in favor. Joe asks for a vote – all in favor of Judy – motion carried. Donna hangs up to call Judy. Judy accepts and will join us on the next months call.

Joe Kyger submits his resignation as President of VAOBA effective immediately. He has some things to take care of personally. Pat Hamilton makes the motion that we accept Joes resignation – Donna seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

Judy researched using Meadow Event Park for the 2013 EXPO and their price has gone up to \$18000 for us for the weekend. Donna makes the motion that we book the Richmond Intl Raceway Complex for the show in November 2013 – Al seconds – all in favor – motion carried. Sue talks about the Youth Performance ring not being used this year which will allow more room in the big building.

Sue will contact MAPACA and find out the status of their plans.

Sue will contact Leonard and find out what CABO would like us to do about the Neonatal Seminar. Sue will ask them to send us the information that they want us to send to our members.

Sue asks that we meet again on Monday January 14, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Al makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. – Donna seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Board Meeting January 14, 2013

Donna Higgason, President
Pat Hamilton, Secretary
Sue Ives, Treasurer
John Hanna, Director at Large
Al Dillon, Director at Large
Judy Howe, Director

Meeting Called to Order at 7:11 p.m.

MINUTES: John makes the motion to accept the January 2013 minutes – Al seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Al Dillon makes the motion to approve the Treasurers report – John seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: No report. Sue spoke with Leonard about the CABO neonatal – CABO is going to promote our seminar. John makes a motion that we send out the CABO info to our members – Sue seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

FIBER COMMITTEE: John presents the items from the Fiber Committee. John asks if there is a Farm Store banner. Judy says it used to be in the trailer but she does not remember seeing it this year. John will tell the Fiber Committee that someone will look for the banner. The Fiber Committee wants to send out articles and will send them to John and Pat to be

sent to the Board for approval and then eblasted. The Fiber committee will send their ideas to the Show committee for approval. The Fiber Committee is wondering if we can open up the Farm Store to non-VAOBA members after members have been given the opportunity to sign up. Judy does not think it would be a good idea for vendors to end up in the Farm Store. Sue suggests that they become a member – associate or farm membership. John likes the idea that requires them to be members of VAOBA – it might encourage folks to join. We do not have a report from Catie Dutcher with the facts about what was sold at the EXPO. Donna wonders if we could put a couple of vendors out in the lobby to help draw folks to the lobby. John will encourage them to start thinking about signage. The Fiber Committee would like to drop the price of the yard to \$18 for plain - \$20 for dyed. Donna makes a motion that we drop the price of yard – Sue seconds – all in favor – motion carried. The Fiber Committee would like to make the tenure of committee members last more than one year – Pat makes the motion that we allow the Fiber Committee to allow committee members to stay longer than one year on the committee – Al seconds – all in favor – motion carried. The Fiber Committee will put together a plan about proposed Fiber Courses to be given at different locations around the state. The Fiber Committee was considering participating in Fiber Festivals in other areas and they want to know if the Board would like them to pursue that – something similar to the VAOBA Farm Store. Sue asks if we can check with Leonard Bates about getting a booth with CABO and go to SAFF (Asheville NC - October 2013). Sue says that SAFF is a good Fiber Festival and is a good one to model ours after.

MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Sue suggests we go back to the TV spots that we did in 2006-07. Donna will check with AOBA to see if they have some advertising spots.

NEWSLETTER: Donna is getting the newsletter together – it should be ready by the end of next week.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Contract negotiations have not begun yet – November 22, 2013. Pat makes a motion that Judy work with Megan at RIR on the contract for 2013 – Al seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

OLD BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA: Donna is making something for us to eblast out looking for more folks to run for office. John is going to write up something announcing all of the resignations.

RFPs – John is asking Sue & Judy to provide us with suggestions on the show. Donna reminds us that we need to make sure that the Show Super finishes the job – for instance if you take the fleece upstairs you need to bring the fleece back down.

Donna suggests we table the MAPACA until we hear more from them.

We have an opening for a Director right now – someone suggested Margaret Hamilton, Sandra Muraca, Debbie Bailey or Patty Fuller. Judy Howe will call Sandra and ask if she would be willing to serve until the election. She will let us know via email of Sandy's decision.

Judy thinks we need to revisit how we elect the Board. Perhaps we could change the bylaws so that VAOBA elects 7 people and then those 7 decide who would be President, etc.

Donna thinks the Secretary and Treasurer should have longer terms.

Donna suggests we talk about some of these changes to be talked about at the annual meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday February 4, 2013
at 7 p.m.

John makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. –
Sue seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

