

VAOBA BOARD Meeting
Minutes – July 6, 2015

Ed Fincher - President
Eric Evans – Past President
Pat Hamilton - Secretary
Glen Kirby – Treasurer
Debbie Bailey – Director at Large
Kimberly Pollay – Director at Large

Meeting Called to Order at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes - Debbie makes the motion to accept the April 2015 minutes – Eric seconds - all in favor – motion carried.

Treasurer – Ed asks Glen if he can keep track of funds that were set aside for Education. Eric makes the motion to accept the April, May & June Treasurers Report - Pat seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

Education Committee – no report.

Fiber Committee – Wini Labrecque will do a seminar October 31st on sorting and grading fleeces. We need to secure the place.

Marketing & Membership Committee – no report.

Newsletter – no report.

Show Committee –

a) Ed discusses the photographer for the show. Debbie asks if we should approve the increase to the budget and let the show committee pick the photographer. Debbie makes the motion to increase the budget to \$3000 for the photographer. Eric seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

b) Ed asks Eric to have venue and Light Livestock contracts sent to Glen.

c) Debbie discusses the end of the show report that we want from Judy and Sue. Ed asks if Sue can record all of the information and then pass the checks to Glen for deposit. Ed asks Eric to follow up on this with Sue and Judy and get us some more information. After much discussion Eric makes a motion to accept the new sponsorship levels – Glen seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

d) There is discussion about the new sponsorship fees for the show and the difference between them and the old structure. The cost is more but you get animal stalls as well as a display stall.

e) Eric makes a motion to accept the Show Committee minutes – Pat seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS -

1- Education Grant Funds & Rules – Ed asks that we discuss this at the next meeting.

2- Yarn Sale Inventory – Pat has the skeins of yarn that are leftover. Pat asks if we can keep some to use for a fiber dying seminar. Ed suggests we send ½ of the yarn to Catie Dutcher. Pat says we have 110 skeins in inventory. Eric makes the motion we send Catie 50 skeins to sell and reserve the rest for our seminars – Debbie seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

3- Website – Ed asks that we postpone any action on this until the August meeting.

4- Committee membership - Ed asks who is on the different committees.

NEW BUSINESS -

1- see below

2- Ed and Debbie are on the Constitution and Bylaws committee. Does anyone else want to be on the committee? Eric makes the motion that we open up this committee to the general membership – Pat

seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

3- Show advertising – Ed asks if we want to advertise on I heart radio – he will contact them and tell them that we are not interested?

4- Election Ballet – Ed wants to design a better, less confusing ballot for the election. Pat and Ed will work on it for the next meeting.

Pat makes a motion to adjourn – Eric seconds – all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Next Meeting will be Monday – August , 2015

Ed asks for a motion to suspend

Filling the empty Directors position.

Historically the office of President Elect has never had anyone appointed to it.

Ed opens the floor for discussion -

Debbie has no problem with her being on the Board as long as we are not force fed her significant other.

Ed thinks whoever we choose should serve 1 year so their office would expire next year. This person then has the opportunity to run next year for election.

Ed asks for nominees for this position – Eric nominates Jennifer Gilmore and Glen Kirby nominates Mary Goodman Forte. We move to a vote – Jennifer Gilmore gets 3 votes and Mary Goodman Forte gets 2 votes. Jennifer Gilmore is elected to a 1 year term to expire at the annual meeting.

Ed will call and talk to Jennifer and Mary.

VAOBA BOARD Addendum
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Jennifer Gilmore – Director

BUSINESS CONDUCTED VIA EMAIL:

On July 13, 2015 Ed Fincher sent out the attached EXPO Budget for approval.

On July 14, 2015 Ed sent the following email:

The motion has been passed by 5 yes and 0 no votes.

The revised VAOBA 2015 Alpaca Expo budget shall have 0\$ allocated to the line items that are still in question (see below list). The Show Committee shall provide the BOD with budget figures for these items as soon as possible. That the BOD take up these items upon receipt from the Show Committee of these new budget figures immediately as additions to the show budget. That the remaining budget items be approved by the BOD as a working show budget.

OPEN BUDGET ITEMS:

- 1-Cost of anti-fatigue mats
- 2-Monies for sponsor gifts
- 3-Exhibitor bag costs
- 4-Go pro camera/video costs
- 5-Cost of speakers/seminars

Attached is the BOD approved Budget.

When we receive the additional requested information from the Show Committee we will consider these items on their own merits.

On July 14, 2015 Ed Fincher sent out the following email asking for votes via email:

I am polling by email the BOD for approval of the Show Committee's request to change the Platinum and Gold Levels of Sponsorship.

Platinum Sponsorship will be \$1750 with a display stall and 2 alpaca stalls and the Gold Sponsorship will be \$1100 with a display stall and 1 alpaca stall.

While we had plenty of discussion about these changes during our July meeting, apparently, we did not take action on them. I checked with our Secretary and she agrees that we did not take action. The Show Committee has asked the BOD's urgent and immediate action on this item.

How do you vote on approval of the changes to the sponsorship levels. Vote yes or no by "reply to all" from this email.

On July 16, 2015 Ed Fincher sent out the following voting results:

The BOD has approved the changes to the sponsorship level structure for the VAOBA Alpaca Expo by majority vote of 4 yes and 0 no.