Board Meeting November 7, 2011

Joe Kyger Pat Hamilton Al Dillon John Hanna Donna Higgason Russ Pond

Meeting Called to Order at 7:07 p.m.

MINUTES:

Donna makes a motion to accept the minutes – Russ seconds – all in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Donna makes a motion to accept the Treasurers report – John seconds – all in favor.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Al makes a motion to accept the Education Committee Report

Donna seconds – all in favor.

FIBER COMMITTEE:

Some discussion about the price of the skeins. Donna makes a motion that we ask the fiber committee to drop the price to \$18 a skein – Al seconds – all in favor. John makes a motion to accept the fiber committee report – Al seconds – all in favor. MARKETING COMMITTEE: No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Donna makes a motion to accept Hanks resignation as the chairman of the membership committee – Al seconds – all in favor. Donna thinks we should have a membership booth at the show and look for volunteers for the committees. All in favor of Joe acting as Chairman of this committee.

NEWSLETTER:

Al Dillon asks about Gracies Corner. Donna has sold 3 full page ads for the next newsletter to help pay for it. Joe agrees with Al – it was a great newsletter – Joe sent his copy with Nick Hahn. Russ makes a motion – Al seconds – all in favor.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

Donna explains the farm store and credit cards. Russ volunteers to work on Friday as color checker or check in. Donna says we are looking for a ring steward for one of the rings. Al makes a motion to accept – Russ seconds – all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Russ – did you send budget figures to Patty Fuller -Pat Hamilton will look for volunteers for SDC. Eblast – asking members for volunteers – Pat will write and send to BOD for approval before sending it out. Open Herd – Nancy says we need to send a letter out to the membership – all members need to get a user id and password. John thinks someone needs to write down the steps of what needs to be done by each farm. Joe thinks maybe we should invite them to the Expo and ask them to set up a display. John will contact Nancy and work on the letter that needs to go out to the membership. Donna reminds John that Openherd will upload your animals for you.

NEW BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:

Russ says we have been members of the Va Agri Council for the past few years – they invoiced us for 2012 - \$350. Russ asks if we should still be members. He will send out the info he received to us. - Put on the agenda for the December meeting.

Joe says we did talk about a face to face BOD meeting – maybe we could all get together and have the December meeting at the EXPO. Maybe breakfast at Dennys on Sunday morning. Perhaps we should wait to have the face to face after the EXPO.

Logo Contest – we will wait until after the first of the year to work on the new logo.

AOBA Judges Training Committee – would like VAOBA to participate – need to have it at the Lexington Horse Center in the East Complex and need 70 animals to use for the judge training.

Donna will call Margie Ault at AOBA tomorrow to find out about the Judges Training Committee – Joe will help.

AOBA TOWN HALL MEETING – Joe attended via conference

call – National show theme is OFF TO THE RACES. They are looking for the affiliates to participate in a big way – they want some affiliates to help sponsor the show this year. For every new person you get to join AOBA you will get a \$50 rebate. They also discussed a joint membership fee - \$100 AOBA - \$100 VAOBA – charge them \$150 and each gets \$75. Every affiliate must have 100% of their members to be members of AOBA.

Pat send current VAOBA database to Russ.

Many farms are not VAOBA or AOBA members – AOBA is talking about making a membership \$10 - 15 non-voting membership. Bill Johnson is the membership committee head for AOBA and Joe thinks we will hear more about it in the future. They want the affiliates to help them raise money for the SDC. Joe wondered if we could donate some of our herdsire money to the SDC program.

AOBA is trying to get a database of fiber art judges and skein judges. They do not have to be approved by AOBA they just want to have the names to provide when other affiliates ask for them. Joe wonders if we need someone to serve on the AOBA committee. John thinks we need to be represented on that committee.

Joe volunteers to be the representative for the AOBA membership committee.

No one has any other new business.

Donna makes a motion to have the next meeting on

December 12, 2011 at 7 p.m. – Al seconds – all in favor.

Al makes a motion to adjorn the meeting– Russ seconds – all in favor.

Meeting adjorned at 8:17 p.m.