

## Board Meeting October 8, 2012

Joe Kyger, President  
Pat Hamilton, Secretary  
Cheri Seiler, Treasurer  
John Hanna, Director at Large  
Al Dillon, Director at Large  
Brian Bois, President Elect

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 p.m.

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Money is coming in for the show – Pat will send Cheri the format that Russ used to provide us each month. John thinks we should get a report that provides it by line items.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Pat has resigned as Chair of the committee – Cheri makes a motion – Al seconds – all in favor. Pat will have another meeting so that the committee can choose the new chairperson. John makes a motion that we accept the report and Al seconds, motion carried.

FIBER COMMITTEE: The fiber committee is asking about being on facebook – they will reach out to Margaret to find out about the facebook page. Joe talked to Leonard with the Southeastern Fiber Festival – and they were going to talk with the Georgia Alpaca Association and see if there could be a

Fiber Festival involving 4 states. They discussed having it in the same place as the CABO show. Joe will get back with the Board and Alison. If they plan an educational seminar – should it be in one location or throughout the state. Joe thinks it should be spread throughout the state. Alison says the committee also prefers to spread the education throughout the state. John makes the motion to accept the fiber committee report, Brian seconds, motion carried.

MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: No report.

NEWSLETTER: No report.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Cheri donates Fagan as a brown – Cheri makes a motion that we do the cup awards – John seconds – motion carried. John makes the motion to accept the report – Al seconds, motion carried.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: No report from the youth committee.

OLD BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:

Logo committee – Joe is tabling the logo problem until after the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:

State Fair – Hank called and said that this is the last year that Teri Phipps and Hank will be doing the State Fair. Brian will go and get them and store them. Joe or Brian will get the contact information for the State Fair for next year. Joe will call and

talk to him about next years State Fair.

Nancy Ogan has resigned from the board – Cheri moves that we accept her resignation John seconds – all in favor. Pat makes the motion we nominate Donna to the Board, Cheri seconds – all in favor. Cheri makes the motion that we close the nominations , Al seconds, all in favor. Donna accepted the nomination and will be on next months call.

Georgia Alpaca Assoc. called and asked for a donation to the silent auction. Cheri makes a motion that we give them a half page color ad for their silent auction, Al seconds, motion carried.

Joe picked up a flyer at Tractor Supply and will try to get them to sponsor the youth.

The next meeting will be the second Monday, November 12, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Cheri makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8: p.m. – Al seconds - motion carried.

**Agenda/Minutes Education Committee Report**

Date: **October, 2012**

Committee: **Education**

Members in Attendance:

Report Submitted by: Pat Hamilton

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Meeting Called to Order –		
Approve Minutes:		
Agenda Items:		
Item #1	<b>Pat Hamilton resigns as Chairman of the Education Committee.</b>	
Item #2	<b>All seminars are set for VAOBA EXPO.</b>	
Item #3		
Item #4		
Item #5		
Old Business:		
New Business:		
Next Meeting Date:		
Adjournment:		

## VAOBA Fiber Meeting Agenda

Date: **September 27, 2012 (8pm)**

Committee: **Fiber**

Members in Attendance: Brenda, BJ, John, Alison

Report Submitted by: Alison Bois

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting Called to Order – <b>record time</b>		
Approve Minutes:		Next meeting October, 18 8pm
Agenda Items: Election of Committee Chair, Yarn Project, Farm Store, 2012-2013 Goals, Training Courses		
Item #1 – Online presence (social media)	<p>FB presence?</p> <p>Location for donated patterns for alpaca fiber or something we can offer to farms to use with their yarns?</p> <p>Scaling information for VAOBA members..... etc....</p> <p>Virginia Alpacas FB page --- any information we should contribute on this page? Would this be a good place to solicit participation in the VAOBA Farm store???</p> <p>Open issue: Do we want to do a Virginia fiber committee FB page? We could use this to help solicit VAOBA EXPO FARM STORE, but we need to consider who would monitor the page and the work that might entail...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy and paste Margaret Hamilton’s post on water in bag.... And how to dry things out to put up on fiber page....</li> <li>• Discuss difficulties of page with Margaret Hamilton (Alison to reach out)</li> <li>• Use as a repository of information..... BJ to send out scale chart</li> </ul>	Open issue: Do we want to do a Virginia fiber committee FB page?
Item #2 – Yarn Project	<p><u>Yarn Storage:</u> Yarn has been transported to Alison Bois. Alison will ship out yarn and collect payment for VAOBA. Motion carried by all members.</p>	<p>Brenda purchased 61 skeins.</p> <p>BJ will provide an update in October for</p>

	<p><u>Yarn sales:</u> Update on yarn quantities:</p> <p>Update on new flyer:</p> <p>Update on yarn sales: will get October</p> <p>Number: 382-100-61-25-40?com = 96 left</p>	<p>yarn sales.</p> <p>Janice will send out draft on new flyer.</p> <p>Brenda to dye some yarn for sale in the Farm store at VAOBA --- Fiber committee to pay for supplies... Brenda to email picture of yarn she has dyed and Alison will initiate vote. Group to decide colors.</p>
<p>Item #2 – VAOBA Store</p>	<p><u>Stocking the Store:</u></p> <p>August News letter article went out.</p> <p>Eblast?</p> <p>Update:</p> <p>Clarification of details? Is there a cost to participate? Does VAOBA take a cut?</p>	<p>Eblast – not sure it is going out. John is reaching out to Pat to ask if there is an issue. (Past Issue with farm store eblasts last year; and fiber workshop eblasts this year)</p> <p>BJ reach out to Catie to get address and update on participants in farm store.</p> <p>Want to add Fiber brochure printed in a bright color to hand out at VAOBA EXPO. To put in front of store. We can customize the national AOBA fiber committee flyer online. Does this come out of our \$75 approved working budget?</p> <p>Number of copies? We were thinking 100 --- does the board think this is reasonable --- the flyer would be for the public NOT alpaca farms. Brenda to get quote.</p> <p>Need to recruit volunteers for the farm store.</p>
<p>Item #3 Fiber Committee Goal for</p>	<p>Fiber Festival opportunities</p>	<p>Open Issue:</p>

2012-2013 board	What can we put in the store? Potential Fiber Events?	<p>Festivals to attend?</p> <p>Products to sell? How to get them? Promote product from farms showcase what was made --- extension of the farm store....sell handmade products from VAOBA member farms....</p>
Item #4 Training 2012-2013	What training do we want to sponsor for VAOBA this year?	<p>Options:</p> <p>Winnie – sorting and grading OR Winnie Labrec – review and nuno scarf felting. OR Holly Williams – wet felting with roving.</p> <p>A single training or multiple training in various parts of the state? If only in one place where to hold it???</p> <p>Alison to find fee info...</p> <p>Timing for event?</p> <p>What is our budget for a training course?</p>
Item #5 National Fiber Committee	How can they help us? Provide feedback. How can they support us? Discussed and will continue to discuss.	
Item # 6 SCD Donation	BJ to summarize question and what research needs to be done regarding our 2011 donation....	<p>510 entries coming in to compete with Alpaca fiber. Now they need \$150 sponsors for each student. VA gave healthy donation and was mentioned in the notes. If individual farms want to sponsor a student they can but we do not feel VAOBA needs to provide any more support.</p>
Item #7 Fashion	Questions to Fiber committee members from students and	Option to increase

AOBA Website	teachers... .BJ to explain	VAOBA website activity... AOBA to give us the use of the scrolling banners. If we could get part of that scrolling banner, might inspire to post articles. On hold.
Completed Items:		
New Business:		
Next Meeting Date:		
Adjournment:		

**As soon as the recorder has finished the change-over of the document from Agenda to Minutes it should be circulated around to all Fiber Committee Members. Input into changes needed should be noted (another color is fine), changes made and members need to accept or not accept. At that time the Chair (or designate) will submit the report to Pat Hamilton for distribution to the board and John Hannah as the fiber committee's liaison to the board. The fiber committee members should be CC'd.**



## Minutes

Date: October 3, 2012

Committee: Show

Members in Attendance: Judy Howe, Donna Higgason, Pat Hamilton, John Hanna, Sue Ives

Report Submitted by: Judy Howe

540-604-4914

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting Start time: 7:30 pm		
Topic #1	<p>Meet and Greet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We now have 3 sponsors for the meet and greet</li> <li>• Donna met with caterer. Menu for dinner as follows: Carving station of steamship round, Chicken picatta, oven roasted potatoes, vegetable medley, garden salad, rolls, brownies and cookies, coffee &amp; iced tea. Cost below \$30/head.</li> <li>• Rough estimate of 200 people. Will have 2 cash bars.</li> <li>• We're up to about 15 herdsires. Looking for brown.</li> </ul>	None
Topic #2	<p>Seminars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed seminars that are available at this moment in time. Decided to go with what we had. Some other very excellent possibilities were researched, but needed to finalize for show. Recommend Board pursue some of the others for other educational opportunities during the year.</li> <li>• Seminars for show include: Winnie Labreque doing two on fleece topics. Pat will select and get me the synopsis this week. Winnie's sister doing two seminars on marketing topics. Chris Teusch from VT will do one on winter pastures, VT vets will do two on parasites, and one on west Nile, EEE and other emerging issues. Patty Fuller will do one on farm layouts, John Hanna will do one on Heat stress. Allison Bois will do one on needle felting where the participants will actually get to do a project. Dee Dee Greer will do two on the peg loom, using your fiber to make final products. May have Farm Bureau agent discuss pros and cons of farm insurance.</li> </ul>	Need synopsis of seminars to Judy this week so they can go up on website and get put in the show program
Topic #3	<p>Cup Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sue Ives recommended trying 'cup awards' to jazz up the show and bring interest. The award is in 3 levels: small, medium and large and depends on the number of animals entered into halter and the placement of those animals. This was done at Nationals and other shows are trying it as well.</li> <li>• Budget for the cup awards would be no greater than \$400. Suri and huacaya would be separate.</li> <li>• A description of the cup awards is in separate</li> </ul>	Since this is new, board please approve.

	<p>document sent with this one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prize (cups) the Washington cup, the Jefferson cup and the Madison cup (after Virginia presidents) would be awarded at the end of the show.</li> </ul>	
Topic #4	<p>Show setup, etc...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on hiring labor for the show. We have money in the budget to hire help. If any farms have reliable help that could come, we could pay for their time.</li> <li>• Glen, barn manager, will attend next meeting and we will discuss details on getting venue set up and ready.</li> <li>• Need to contact Nancy regarding the carpet to resolve how to get it there.</li> <li>• Where is the trailer?</li> </ul>	None
Next Meeting Date:	Set for last week in October	
Adjournment:	Approximately 9 pm	