

Board Meeting

September 19, 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 7:02 p.m.

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Cheri says we are doing well – she has everything straightened out with the bank. She is working on Quickbooks and will send out a report as soon as she is up and running. Joe asks if we found all of the checks – Cheri says no and Joe asks Cheri to check with Russ to make certain that we have them all. John suggests that we send an eblast to the entire membership and explain the situation. Pat will work up an eblast and send to the BOD for approval. Brian asks if he should send the check from sold yarn to Cheri.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Joe will talk with Stacy Wilkins about doing a seminar. John Hannah suggests Farm Bureau – Brian Bois will check with his agent.

FIBER COMMITTEE: John Hanna felt like there was a lot of positive energy at the meeting. They are discussing a fiber

festival but taking it one step at a time. Al makes a motion to accept the report – John seconds – all in favor- motion carried.

MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: John makes the motion to accept – Cheri seconds – all in favor – motion carried.

NEWSLETTER:

SHOW COMMITTEE: Joe explains that there are 10 platinum sponsors and 2 platinum plus sponsors. John asks Brian if this explanation takes care of his question. Brian thinks that it is diluting the benefit of being a sponsor. Brian thinks it means nothing to be a sponsor if we have so many sponsors. Joe asks if we want to cut off sponsorships. John makes the motion that we have 3 platinum plus sponsors (put on the website) and note that platinum sponsorship is closed – Al seconds – all in favor – motion carried. John makes the motion to accept the show committee report and Al seconds – all in favor.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: No report from the youth committee.

OLD BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA: Brian, Nancy and Al are going to work on the logo committee. John is working on the bylaws and will send out his findings to the Board soon – Joe asks if we will have it ready before the show. Joe wonders if we can get together and talk at the show. Joe says that most other organizations present bylaw changes at 2 meetings and then present it to the membership 2 months before the annual

meeting and post it on the website. John is wondering if we can send out a ballot to handle the possible changes.

NEW BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA: Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair wants us to partner up with other affiliates to sponsor the event. Pat makes a motion that we participate and donate \$500 – Al seconds – all in favor. Joe will call Leonard and get with Cheri about where to send the money. Joe will ask if we get any discounts and any advertising during this event.

Joe talks about a 2 day seminar with Dr. Chris Tesch about pasture management. Pat will talk with Patty and find out more information. Is this for alpacas and/or other animals. What are the costs associated with it.

Joe asks if the second Monday in the month will work for everyone.

Cheri makes a motion to excuse Brian Bois from missing the meeting, Al seconds, all in favor.

Last year we charged the youth to enter the show – Joe wonders if we can come up with a sponsor for the youth performance so the kids wouldn't have to pay. Joe will talk to Judy and Sue Ives to find out how much we need. Cheri asks if we can put the youth sponsor on the website.

The next meeting will be the second Monday October 8, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Cheri makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. – Al seconds - all in favor.

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 – record time		
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"> • Copy and paste Margaret Hamilton’s post on water in bag.... And how to dry things out to put up on fiber page.... • Discuss difficulties of page with Margaret Hamilton (Alison to reach out) • Use as a repository of information..... BJ to send out scale chart 	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:		

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