



The monthly meeting of the Virginia Alpaca Owners and Directors Governing Board was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:42 pm via Free Conference Call

Attending via conference call:

Gary Hoffman	-	President
Glen Kirby	-	Treasurer
Donna Higgason	-	Secretary
Laurie Crossman	-	Director
Patty Fuller	-	Show Super/Member

Donna Atkins, Vice President was absent from the meeting

Prior month minutes:

The minutes of the January meeting were distributed via email after that meeting. A motion was made by Gary Hoffman to approve the minutes and seconded by Glen Kirby. All in favor.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurers report was distributed prior to the meeting. Donna Higgason made a motion to approve the report and seconded by Gary Hoffman. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

The membership committee report was given by Donna Higgason. We have thirteen renewals and atleast ten of the required AOA memberships within the renewals. The farms that have not renewed will be removed this week from the Openherd section of the VAOBA website.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

The Meadow Event Park has been booked by the board for the 2023 VAOBA Show. The mansion across the street has been booked for Saturday night dinner and auction. Judges, Wade Gease and Jacob Hart have been contracted as halter judges. Dawn Browning, Patty Fuller and a walking fleece judge are in the works before the next meeting. Donna Higgason submitted an RFP for the Event Coordinator. Gary made a motion to hire Donna, Glen seconded. All in favor. The budget for the show was submitted however was held off on voting for until the next meeting. Patty Fuller mentioned having a vet on site would be free and to ask the state about the new USDA microchips.

After the January meeting discussion over a future fleece show and seminar, Donna contacted Amanda Vandenbosch about judging the fleece show and speaking at the seminar. Anthony Stachowski was hired to speak on herd health on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Gary Hoffman made a motion to follow through with the seminar and fleece show. Laurie Crossman seconded. All in favor.

Gary made a motion for VAOBA to host the pizza party at the Heart of Virginia Show. Glen seconded. All in favor. Discussions for a nominating committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Donna Higgason