



The annual meeting of the Virginia Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association was held Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 pm with refreshments and drinks provided by VAOBA.

Attendees: Gary and Barb Hoffman, Glen Kirby, Donna Higgason, John and Michelle Roppel, Mary Jane Cathers, Patty Fuller, Donna Atkins, John and Robin Watson, Deb Weinstein, Dorothy Elliott, Wayne Burch.

Introductions were made. Gary Hoffman, Current President discussed 2021/2022 being a year of challenges and that we were all moving forward with the VAOBA Expo/VAOBA Derby shows and hopefully some upcoming events for the members.

Current Officers:

Gary Hoffman	-	President
Glen Kirby	-	Treasurer
Donna Higgason	-	Interim Secretary
Laurie Crossman	-	Director

The prior months minutes were distributed:

The minutes of the June BOD meeting had been received by the directors prior to the meeting.

Glen Kirby made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting, Patty Fuller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved. No disapprovals.

The current months Treasurers Report was distributed:

Patty asked if there were any outstanding bills. Glen stated that all bills are paid.

Donna made a motion to approve the treasurers report. John Roppel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved. No disapprovals.

Committee Reports:

The membership committee report was given by Donna Higgason. No new members. The logo has been provided to all members via email.

The show committee report was given by Donna Higgason. The show committee has not met however the contracts have been signed by the judges and the walking fleece and halter supers. The first show committee meeting is scheduled for August 4th at 7:00 pm. All attendees walked down to the Hoop Barn to view the showing area, where the sponsor stalls will be, the potential setup, etc. Show hotels were discussed as the JMU Football game is the same weekend as the show and hotel rooms are limited or more expensive than normal. The panels for the stalls will be provided by Gary and Barb Hoffman as they are getting the panels from friends in Michigan or either purchasing the panels themselves.

Old Business:

The discussion of not having any nominations to run for the board and that the Current Board will remain in position with the addition of Donna Atkins as Vice President. This was approved as no one disapproved via email. The bylaws had been sent out email to all members with no one disputing any of the changes. Voting of non members 3.3 will need to be revised. Glen Kirby made a motion to approve the revised Bylaws, Barb Hoffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved. No disapprovals.

New Business:

The members discussed the most recent fleece show held in Kentucky with questions to Patty Fuller with regards to what the Judges are looking for and Patty will ask one of the Judges for the upcoming show to maybe hold a seminar at the show on this topic. Youth judging was discussed and Gary Hoffman stated that VAOBA would love youth to be involved in VAOBA and the VAOBA shows however this year no youth classes will be held as we don't have the funds available. He asked that we try to get members or the youth leaders to help provide sponsorship for these classes or fund raising activities to help support the youth. Topics were discussed for upcoming seminars for VAOBA members.

Deb Weinstein, Thunder Moon Farms joined VAOBA as an Associate Member.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 pm

Donna Higgason, Secretary