

**Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association**  
**BOARD Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**5-21-23**

**Location: ZOOM**

Meeting Called to order **8:03 pm**

**Attendees:**

Phil Liske – P - 2025	Kathy Graziani MAL 2024
Tilly Dorsey - VP - 2025	
Bonnie Bieber S/T - 2024	
Joy Wingert guest (festival)	

**ABSENT:** Glenn Orme MAL 2024, Jennie Mezick Past President (MAL) 2024, Vickie Liske MAL 2024

President’s report – Laurie met with the accountant and is working on the books.

Treasurer’s report – Bonnie - PNC Checking \$24,797.25/ Paypal \$19,677.37. Invoices were paid to RCN & Associates (\$625 & \$375) for Quickbooks work done by Cathy (working with Laurie) a \$50 deposit to Sarah Donahoe for Seminar and \$130.36 to Kathy G for reimbursement for Festival advertising expenses. 2022 P&L issues being worked on by Laurie.

Festival – Kathy – Can we have an animal pen (Phil and Vickies animals). We can comp that for them. Vendor listing 60 vendors to date (4 have not paid). One vendor requested payment via card after 6/3. Deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup> but you can still register with a late fee. We can accommodate 100 vendors. Kathy/Joy will email the festival flyer to MABA members. Kathy introduced Joy who is heading the Festival Committee. They are thinking about doing pins for this year and then next year for 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary they will add shirts, bags etc. Festival committee is asking MABA members to post their own farm activities to the Festival Facebook page (MD Alpacas and Fleece Festival ) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mdalpacafestival>. Lots of in person promotion was done at sheep and wool festival first weekend in May.

Fair – Tilly – planning to meet with fair folks soon. Save the date letter will be going out in the next few weeks. Info was given to all youth in attendance at MAPACA. The deadline for entries for all shows is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Tilly will send Phil a post for the MABA Facebook page which can then be shared to all member farm pages. Tilly wants to meet with Kathy to update the website. Kathy will email Tilly to set that up.

Seminar & Summer Picnic- “picnic” will be July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM at Rams Head Shore House 800 Main Street, Stevensville MD 21666 Speaker: Sarah Donahue – “How to Make Money in the Show Ring”. Need to review Sarah’s contract and sign it (minimum 2 hours) A screen was purchased and is now in Bonnie’s garage. An invite was sent to the membership on 4/22 with a 7/1 RSVP date. Two farms have responded. There is a new contact at the restaurant. Board needs to review menu options and Bonnie needs to respond to his email from 5/17 so we can get pricing.

Membership update – No update

New Business – We still need to seek a professional web developer to ensure our SEO is working properly. Kathy and Tilly will meet after sheep and wool to review the website and make suggestions for changes.

2023 PROPOSED BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE: Every 6 weeks at 7 PM as follows. (Zoom invite will be sent.):

July 8<sup>th</sup>

August 19<sup>th</sup>

September 30<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup>

December 16<sup>th</sup> (instead of the 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Christmas)

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:54 pm**

Motion to adjourn phil and second Bonnie

**Respectfully Submitted: Bonnie Bieber (Secretary)**