

**Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association  
Annual Meeting  
MINUTES  
1-26-20**

**Location: Denton River and Yacht Club, Denton, MD**

**Meeting Start: 1:30 pm**

**Attendees: Jennie Mezick, Phil & Vickie Liske, Glenn & Elaine Orme, Kathy Brown, Jackie Mathiason, Brad Dean, Bonnie Bieber**

**Guests: Dick Mezick**

**Meeting Minutes (previous meeting): July 2019 Jackie (motion), 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine.**

<b><u>Report of the President:</u></b>
Captured in other reports.
Katie Hill from the accountants office quit in April and we have a new person managing the Quickbooks. Nobody from there has contacted Bonnie. Bonnie will contact accountant to advise on the change of treasurers responsibilities.
<b><u>Report of the VP:</u></b>
Vickie and Glenn have switched roles for 2020. Vickie will be the VP and Glenn will be Member at Large (MAL)

**Report of the Treasurer:**

Balance as of 1/22/20 – 42,323.00

Jackie Mathiason has agreed to take over the treasurer's responsibilities. THANK YOU JACKIE!

Since we have been unable to get the twice previous treasurer to relinquish signing control of the M&T account, we have had to figure out another way. In September Bonnie opened a new business account at PNC bank. \$500 was transferred by check request payable to MABA from the M&T account to fund the new account. In January Bonnie opened a new MABA paypal account using secretary@MABA instead of the service@MABA email address to distinguish the new one from the old one. The new paypal was linked to the PNC account. There was \$11,000+ in the old PayPal account which was transferred to the M&T account (as that was the bank account linked to it). Once that transaction cleared, Bonnie put in a check request to M&T for a check payable to MABA for \$41,000. That check arrived and was deposited to the PNC account on 1/22/20. Once that was done, Bonnie contacted Openherd tech support to get help updating the paypal buttons on the MABA website membership page to point to our new paypal account. The cost of this service was \$75. Kathy is going to update the buttons for the fleece festival to also point to the new PayPal before she opens the 2020 Festival registration. The old paypal and the old M&T accounts will have to remain open because nobody currently on the board has any ability to close them. There is approximately \$50 in the old paypal and \$400 in the M&T. We will continue to be charged a 9.99 monthly service fee for M&T. We can only assume that when the \$400 eventually runs out the bank will force close the account. The business banker at PNC said that this is what would happen.

IRS back tax statements being addressed by Joe Hill (accountant) for MABA back taxes for 2013 (\$518.55) and 2014 (\$1618.44).

Find out from Michael Herbert at PNC how we get Jackie on as Treasurer

**Report of the Secretary:**

Membership renewals to date 11 full farm members. 2 Associate (one of those is a new farm....in MD but no animals yet). There are 14 full farms have not renewed to date.

**Committees**

FLEECE FESTIVAL – still waiting on final amount on how much we made on 2019. 2020 registration will open soon.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

Bonnie to reach out to Char Johnson to get contact info for the vet Pam Walker to do the health seminar

How do we increase membership. Jennie spoke with someone this week who is interested in joining. Board will divide up the outstanding 2019 members and contact them about renewing. Bonnie will send info to Board.

Can we gather the historical info for the Association? Kathy Brown? Gail Campbell? Tilley.

Publicity – Can we generate publicity to attract new members. Send out a Press Release (AOA will do these for us for free) for things such as the fiber festival etc.

Plasma List who has it and who does it?

Committee Needs:

Historian

Education

Show (exploratory....lead by Kathy G)

Seminars –

Helen Tesla judging seminar. She is interested but thought it would be better at a show. We don't have a show. Discussed having at someone's farm

Marketing seminar – Kathy to look into.

Sorting and grading?

Stephanie Manor House Alpacas – another option for judging seminar (lives in PA)

Randy Strong – herd evaluation (Alpaca Palace)

Do we want to add an alpacas tab to the website. Bonnie will contact Jan.

Send events, equipment, fiber, herdsire, etc. to Phil to post on Facebook.

**Meeting Adjourned: Glen (motion) Phil (2<sup>nd</sup>) 2:33 pm**

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