**Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association**

**SUMMER MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**7-27-19**

L**ocation: Cascia Winery and Vineyard, Stephensville, MD**

Meeting Start: **2:30 pm**

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

**Guests: Scott Bieber**

**Meeting Minutes (previous meeting): January 2019 Tilly (motion), 2nd Phil**

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| **Report of the President:**  |
| Nothing specific. See other reports. |
| **Report of the VP:**  |
| No report |

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| **Report of the Treasurer:**  |
| Bonnie mentioned issue with paypal and how we are resolving. PayPal balance 14,969.99. M&T balance 36, 628.55. Discussion ensued about the situation with former Treasurer and how we manage the account. After the fleece festival we are going to look into opening a second account at a different bank. Motion to accept Tilley 2nd Jackie |

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| **Report of the Secretary:**  |
| Membership 23 full farm members. Less than 10 Associate |

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| **Committees** |
| FLEECE FESTIVAL – about 15 new vendors for 2019. There were several who are not returning for assorted reasons. We are doing the 4H performance show again this year. Angela Mahosky is chairing. Looking into different types of advertising (Maryland/Delaware Register). Billboards being considered. Along Rt 32 if there are ones that will be opened for a small window we can advertise for a much reduced fee ($500 to $1000) 500 postcards given to Tilley for distribution.  Classes being lined up. Fleece sale moving forward |
| **Old Business:**  |
| Neonatal seminar was a success |

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| **New Business:**  |
| Do we want to have a Fall seminar? Jackie offered to do a warping your loom. An interest in a fecal seminar was expressed. Tllley can check with Dr Harrison. We might be able to do it on his farm. Possibly next summer. Phil suggested checking the presenters on the NC seminar advertised on FB and consider doing something along those lines. Suggestion for a marketing seminar was also made.Issues with State Fair – Tilley is chair for state fair 4H. We need to reach out to the llama people to work together. Entries close on the 31st if there are any other youth you are aware of who may be interested. Tilley would like to do a demo at the show. The purpose of the demo is to educate the public about alpacas and llamas. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Tilley. Tilley has been able to get us into the UMD Ulearn program during the fair week also contact her. We need to find out what happened to the MABA display from the fleece festival. A group from MABA will organize a demo for Saturday 8/24. Lyn Cherish – Kathy reported that Lyn is selling all of her alpacas by the end of the year. She has 32 left. New member recruitment – What can we do about recruiting new members. Phone calls? Board will take this topic offline. We also need to discuss how to get current members active in the club again. Increased agitation from Peta on county and state fairs. Please be very aware that PETA has increased activity and be vigilant when you are at events or have events on your farm. Do not engage these people. Call the authorities immediately or notify site security if at an event.  |

**Meeting Adjourned: Kathy (motion) Elaine (2nd) 3:45 pm**

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