



Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2005

I. Call to order

Patti Anderson called to order the Board of Directors meeting of the Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association at 12:30 PM on January 9, 2005 in Woodbine, MD.

II. Roll call

The following Board members were present:

- Patti Anderson – President
- LuAnn Lumsden – Vice President
- Wayne Aldrich – Treasurer
- Jess Armstrong – Member at large
- Rick Stumpf – Member at large
- Lou Rimbach – Past President
- Jeffrey Charikofsky - Secretary

The following non-Board members were present:

- Barbara Rimbach
- Chris Armstrong

III. New business

- Welcome to the new Board of Directors
- Future membership meeting dates are posted on the MABA website (<http://www.marylandalpacas.org>). The current dates are:
 - March 13, 2005
 - July 10, 2005
 - November 13, 2005
 - January 8, 2006
- Wayne Aldrich presented the Treasurer's Report:
 - Payments of \$119.40 were made to Grindstone Graphics for web hosting
 - Income in the amount of \$395.00 has been received.
 - Current balance of \$2849.51. Balance now includes \$900.00 that previously had not been reported.
 - Approximately thirty (30) memberships are pending at \$75.00 each

Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Rick Stumpf. Unanimously approved.

- Web site income. A discussion of alternate/additional web site income sources and general web site information occurred.
 - Chris Armstrong will present ideas at the general membership meeting to secure new listings
 - Reminder that any farms that have not paid 2005 dues by January 31, 2005 will be removed from the MABA web site.
 - A discussion of web site vendor listings occurred. These included ideas such as veterinarian services, emergency services, OSU, etc. A suggestion was made to provide a free vendor, alpaca, or herdsire listing to any member who sells two (2) commercial listings was discussed.

A motion to approve a free listing for two sold was presented by Jess Armstrong, seconded by LouAnn Lumsden. Motion was passed unanimously.

- Lou Rimbach requested that all general meeting requests/needs to be submitted to the Board of Directors before the general meeting. **Submissions should be no later than one (1) week before the general membership meeting.**
- Current Committees
 - The only currently active committee is the web site committee. It was suggested that the web site and the booth committees be combined as a general marketing committee that can then sub-task specific projects.
 - Patti Anderson suggested that Jess Armstrong act as the liaison with the marketing committee.
 - Overall goal of reducing our dependence on paper-based marketing and encouraging the use of the web site was discussed.
- MABA Mission Statement Review & 2005 Focus
 - A review of the current Mission Statement was conducted by Patti Anderson. A discussion of were to focus resources, both time and money, for the current year occurred.
 - A discussion of 4-H programs in the various counties and membership involvement occurred.
 - Lou Rimbach discussed the goal of increasing the membership base.
 - Goals for 2005 were agreed to be:
 - Increase membership level
 - Continue web site development to increase its value to members
 - Develop and acquire a new booth
 - Support educational activities
- Insurance
 - A discussion concerning board member insurance occurred. Board members are currently covered by general liability, but no personal

liability insurance. LouAnn requested that an investigation of costs and sources be investigate. Lou agreed to obtain information for future review.

- Speakers/Membership meetings
 - A discussion concerning the possibility of having an educational aspect to the general membership meeting ensued. A suggestion for the formation of an educational committee and how to tailor the needs of the various levels of the membership was discussed.
 - A suggestion was made to rotate the location of the general membership meetings. This will be discussed at the general membership.
 - A request for committee members for both Membership and the Education committees will be made at the general membership meeting.
 - Wayne Aldrich volunteered to be the board liaison to the Education Committee
 - Lou Rimbach volunteered to be the board liaison to the Membership Committee.
 - Lou suggested that a local event committee be created. It would involve supporting local social events with animals. Interest among the general membership will be investigated.
- A request will be made to Chris Armstrong to investigate the ability to add both email and web addresses to the member listings.
- The next Board of Directors meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2005.

IV. Adjournment

Patti Anderson adjourned the meeting at **1:45 PM**.

Minutes submitted by: Jeffrey G. Charikofsky, Secretary, Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association

Minutes approved by: