



Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 27, 2008

The first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors was called to order at 1:40 pm by President Teece Nowell who thanked everyone for coming. The meeting took place at 5710 Executive Dr, Suite 105, in Catonsville, MD.

Teece Nowell, Dave Nye, Nancy Brandt, Chris Armstrong, Lora McMunn, Barry Clark, Kate Dorsey & Jess Armstrong were all present.

Teece reminded everyone the importance of checking e-mail communications a minimum of once a day in order to stay current with MABA communications. There was discussion about the possible use of an 800 teleconference number for future board meetings, Chris volunteered to check into costs. The next two BOD meetings are scheduled for February 24th and March 30th at the Catonsville office. There was also a request by Teece that Board members make every effort to plan attendance at all meetings to demonstrate commitment and because of the busy year ahead.

Old Business:

Jess reported some problems with the most recent election and made recommendations to the BOD on how to avoid those errors in the future. The point was also raised that two of the newly elected board members will need to step down after one year in order to maintain proper balance during the election process. The issue is to be reopened in June.

Nancy delivered the Treasurer's report. We currently have \$8,715.36 between the Pay Pal account and the bank account. There will be no need to change banks and Nancy has begun to inquire about a bookkeeper to assist with show business influx. Lora will be added to the signature card and cover for Nancy during any absences. Nancy will establish a check request voucher in order to keep detailed records of check requests by the Show Committee.

New Business:

Chris provided a wish list of items for web site upgrades. The board will review the detailed list but approved money to proceed with one specific upgrade. This will allow an administrator to export data into a mailing list or e-mail list format which currently can only be done manually. Also, all memberships will now expire on the same anniversary date, March 1st.

There was discussion about the MABA logo and the BOD determined that the historical logo with the state silo and two alpacas was worth keeping. Chris is to contact Steve about updating the old logo for a fresher look.

Teece called for board volunteers the act as liaisons for various committees and the following assignments were accepted: Dave ~ Events, Nancy ~ Fiber, Chris ~ Membership, Lora ~ Education, Barry ~ Marketing, Kate ~ Show. All BOD members are to seek volunteers to serve on their committees and recruit committee chairs if possible. Also BOD members are to report at the next BOD meeting on a "charter" for their committees. There was general discussion about the need for committees and some suggestions about activities, events and members who may be worth approaching.

The March General Membership meeting on the 9th was discussed next. Various ideas were mentioned as possible programs. It was determined that the topic will be Marketing. Barry will look into a speaker and location.

Jess then gave a Show Committee report and presented the BOD with the first draft of the Show Committee Charter. He submitted for the Board's approval the show name: "MABA's Alpaca Celebration" BOD accepted the committee's choice. Barry motioned that Jess be named the Show Committee Chair and Lora seconded. MABA has applied for an AOBA first time grant and the committee is currently preparing the documents required for AOBA certification. The BOD requested to see a copy of the minutes of the first meeting. There was additional discussion and edits to the charter were mandated, Jess will revise and submit the charter to the BOD for final approval. The BOD will not appoint chairs to the Halter, Fleece and Performance subcommittees of the show but has determined the committee will elect those positions annually for each show. The BOD also mandated that the Show charter include language to address making efforts to "green" the MABA show. There was some discussion about vendors mandated by the Ag Center contract and panel options.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.