

Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting 02/24/2007

Meeting Attendees:

Jess Armstrong, Barry Clark, Chuck Gulotta, Dave Nye, John Petersam

Absent:

Richard Keyser, Andy Bauer

Guest in Attendance:

Al Beatty - MAPACA Fiber Chairperson, Chris Armstrong

President Opened Meeting and Welcomed Guest

Treasurer Report:

Chuck stated that the checking account balance as of 2/24/2007 stands at \$3,180.12. After known outstanding payments the balance will be approx. \$1,500 in a few weeks. Copy of balance sheet was entered into the record.

Secretary Report:

The prior meeting minutes were accepted into the record without further change. Note was also made of the Presidents decision to allot \$25 for the Frederick Fair as a sponsor fee for the 4-H Alpaca Show Award.

Business before the Board:

Fiber Efforts:

Mr. Al Beatty, Chairperson of the MAPACA fiber committee, gave an update on efforts to have a fiber event in 2007. Gettysburg has been researched as a possible fiber event site. In addition to fleece showing, other activities such as demonstrations on skirting, weaving, knitting and other fiber related skills are being considered. Mr. Beatty explained that sponsorship for these events are a must. Marketing efforts are a big necessity going into an event for it to succeed. MAPACA has not formalized a commitment to this effort at this date, but Mr. Beatty believes it will as efforts take shape. MABA expressed interest in helping support MAPACA's efforts or organize our own efforts with MAPACA's assistance. Phone conversation to take place between Mr. Beatty, Jess Armstrong and Carol Pfister on how to proceed. More details were discussed, such as fleece judge (Wade Gease), surveying membership for resources and getting sponsorships. All necessary actions needed to be taken when direction is clear. .

MABA not listed on ARI website as link to affiliate.

Chris Armstrong will research and get MABA link if possible.

Membership:

Chuck reported that we have 28 paid memberships and 1 associate membership for 2007. Chris Armstrong will provide the membership committee with a list and have them begin calling prospective members to join. Board members to call farms that they have close contact with in an attempt to help the committee. It was decided that all unpaid farms will be disabled from the MABA website as of March 20th. Dave will send an email to all prospective members to notify them of the process.

Marty McGee Clinic – Dorothy Hunt

Dave reported that conversation with Ms. Hunt yielded the following clinic requirements:

- A farm is needed to host the clinic.
- A minimum of 13 students and a max of 20
- 1 catch pen with 2 animals per 2-3 students
- \$100 per person for instructor
- Undercover would be great but not required.

Discussion on maybe have a farm underwrite the clinic to have it in an effort to reduce the costs to students. Jess to talk with contacts and clinic will be discussed at subsequent meeting.

Sheep & Wool Festival

Dave reported that the festival is full for this year (2007) and that we missed the application and approval dates. Applications can be acquired in mid to late August each year and must be submitted no later than October 1st. Dave will set his calendar to get an application for 2008 and we will submit in a timely manner.

Maryland State Fair – Timonium

Dave contacted Tilly Dorsey and agreed to Co-chair this committee. They will meet in latter part of next week to kick off efforts. This project looks like a go for this year. More to follow. The dates for our space at the fair are August 29, 30 and 31. An email will be sent to all members to set the dates aside.

Wine Fest – Carroll County

Chuck will contact organizers and attempt to arrange participation.

General Membership Meeting March 11th

Gail Campbell has been gracious to invite us to Ameripaca for the meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 PM Gail will also give a talk during the meeting and a farm tour at conclusion of meeting. Dave will email all members and prospective members to inform them of the date and time.

Board of Directors Meetings remainder of 2007

It was agreed that a schedule of meetings for the remainder of the year will be developed at the next BOD meeting at Ameripaca at 1:00 PM on March 11th, one hour prior to the General Membership Meeting. There will also be discussion on direction and goals for MABA.

Meeting Adjourned