



Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2005

I. Call to order

Patti Anderson called to order the Board of Directors meeting of the Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association at 3:13 PM on July 17, 2005 in Stevensville, 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
- Lou Rimbach – Past President
- Jeffrey Charikofsky - Secretary

The following non-Board members were present:

- Valerie Perrin – Co-Chair Education Committee
- Steve & Toni Quigley – Web Committee
- Christine Charikofsky
- Chris Armstrong – Web Committee

III. New Business

- **Patti Anderson** reviewed the agenda for the meeting
 - **Wayne Aldrich** presented the financial report (attached) for the first two quarters of 2005
 - All required tax filings have been completed
 - Additional membership dues are expected
 - Minimal web expenses beyond those already paid are expected
- Motion to accept the financial report was accepted unanimously.**
- Patti Anderson reviewed the current membership status
 - Chuck Gulatta has requested a change to the workflow used to record and update memberships – all materials, checks, etc. to be sent to him.
 - Currently have 35 full members and 5 associate members
 - The list of farms that have not renewed was reviewed. These farms will be removed from the website
 - The use of PayPal or another service to accept online payments was discussed. **Jeff Charikofsky & Steve Quigley to coordinate on method and costs.** A goal of the end of year was proposed.

- A discussion of electronic vs. hard-copy submissions of materials was conducted.
- **Chris Armstrong** suggested that the dates for the summer meeting and picnic be examined due to the heavy show season in the spring timeframe.
- **Valerie Perrin** reviewed the status of the neonatal clinic.
 - 8 registrations have been received for the lab portion
 - 4 registrations have been received for the lecture
 - **Scott Gove** is attending the MAPACA meeting to assist in obtaining grant money.
 - **MAPACA** will pay \$50 per attendee if they are a MAPACA member.
 - **AOBA** grant money has been received
 - Hotel for Toni Cotton has been reserved along with a block of 10 additional rooms.
 - Check for Toni's room is required to complete reservation
 - A discussion on a stipend for Gail Anderson's afternoon lecture was discussed. In lieu of payment she may elect to place one person in the neonatal class if she desires. **Scott** and/or **Valerie** to meet with her to finalize materials and payment.
 - The last day for exclusive MABA member signup for the clinic will be 8/15/2005. Following this date the clinic will be advertised in the MAPACA newsletter.
- **MAPACA** does not appear to have much interest in sponsoring an Alpaca 101 seminar.
- **Valerie** will email the results from the education survey conducted earlier this year and provide a summary of results for the Membership meeting in August.
- The role of the fiber committee needs to be discussed with the general membership at the August meeting.
- **Jess Armstrong** discussed the potential costs of a display booth and options
 - A discussion of the cost vs. benefits occurred among the BOD members. The BOD members concluded that there appears to be very little return for the time and expense associated with the display.
 - Decision to be discussed with the general membership at the August meeting.
- A discussion on support for County and State fairs occurred
 - A proposal to support/sponsor a special ribbon or trophy for 4H events in the farms local county was discussed.
 - A discussion of the status of the Frederick Fair occurred

- The BOD needs input from Scott Gove as to the current status of the Frederick Fair including any and all commitments that have been made to date.
- A general discussion of support for the Frederick Fair in the future occurred.

Jess Armstrong motioned to table discussion, obtain information from Scott or other members involved, and hold a discussion with the general membership at the August meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Lou Ann will coordinate with Scott.

- A discussion on modification of the By-Laws concerning the election process was held.
 - Proposed change would allow for the election of a group of candidates without assignment to a specific office. At the first meeting of the group individuals would be elected to specific individuals would be selected by the BOD to fill the positions on the board. If required, a different BOD member could be assigned to that position without a special election.
 - A review of the By-Law modification process occurred.

Wayne Aldrich motioned to modify the By-Laws to all the election of a Board of Directors that elects specific officers at their first meeting. Seconded by LuAnn Lumsden. Approved unanimously.

Patti Anderson to create draft for presentation at the August general membership meeting.

- Plans for the August picnic and meeting were discussed
 - Picnic meeting to be held at Alpacas of Windswept Farm – Chris and Jeff Charikofsky from 2 – 5 PM on August 14, 2005.
 - A budget of \$200 was approved by the BOD.
 - **Chris Charikofsky** will create an announcement for distribution.

IV. Future Meetings

The Board of Directors will meet on August 4, 2005 at the Olive Leaf Restaurant, Mt. Airy, MD at 6 PM. Wayne will coordinate reservations.

V. Adjournment

Patti Anderson adjourned the meeting at **5:25 PM**.

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