



Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting October 24, 2007

President opened meeting at 7:48 PM

Members in attendance: Jess Armstrong, Barry Clark, Chuck Gulotta, John Petersam and Dave Nye.

A motion to accept the minutes of the General Membership Meeting in July was made by Barry and seconded by John.

A motion to accept the minutes of the informal BOD Meeting at the State Fair was made by John and seconded by Dave.

Chuck reported that the balance in the treasury stands at \$2,600

Topics:

November General Membership Meeting and Seminar

- The secretary was instructed to send an email notice to the membership about the seminar and meeting, directing them to the MABA Website for details.
- Jess notified the board of a request by the seminar participants to market their contract package at the seminar. The board voted NO to that proposal, at least not in any formal way. Mentioning its availability in personal conversation would be fine.
- Membership lists were divided up among the board members to make phone call reminders of the Meeting/Seminar and to mention the upcoming nominations and election of new board members.
- Jess notified the board of Richard Keyser's decision not to fulfill his two year term on the board for personal reasons. His term will end this year.
- Jess will contact the elections committee to get the process moving so that it can be completed by year end.

MABA Alpaca Show for 2008

- John and Barry raised the issue that the current planned dates for the show of November 7 thru 9 would conflict with the Ohio Alpaca Show. The board agreed that Jess should contact the Ag. Center and see if we could move the dates to the following weekend, November 14 through 16.
- Show superintendents and judges were discussed and Jess would make phone calls to check on their availability.
- It is our intent to have the show AOBA approved which would provide us with an AOBA grant.

- A lengthy discussion ensued on overall expenses for the show and income derived from stall and event fees. Much of the detail was provided by Chuck who is familiar with the MAPACA event in Harrisburg. All board members felt that expenses could be met with reasonable stall fees and event fees and a healthy dose of sponsors.
- Details of what sponsors get for their sponsorship to be developed as soon as possible, but should be very similar to other shows. Board members should discuss sponsorship with the farms on their contact list.
- Having a fleece show in conjunction with the halter show was discussed. Al Beatty has offered to be superintendent one time for the MABA Show provided a person can be trained to be the superintendent for future shows. John said Renee maybe interested and would get back to us.
- Jess mentioned that Andy Schnieder said that he would volunteer as the Barn Manager, which was immediately approved by all the members of the board.
- Jess and Chuck to form a show committee after the General Membership Meeting in November.

Motion to adjourn was made by Barry and seconded by John so we could try to extract Johns trailer from the mud!!