



Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 20, 2007

All participants were connected via Teleconferencing

Attendees: Jess Armstrong, Barry Clark, Chuck Gulotta, Dave Nye, John Petersam, Rich Keyser and Andy Bauer

Jess made motion to open meeting seconded by Barry

A motion was made by Barry to accept the Minutes of the General Membership Meeting in November and it was seconded by Chuck.

Treasurer Report:

Chuck reported that the balance in the MABA account was at \$2,249.44 After some discussion on how the balance was achieved, Chuck sent a detail of expenditures to all BOD members via email. A copy of this detail will be included in the secretary's files. Barry made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Rich.

Liability Insurance

Chuck brought up concern that MABA may need to increase its liability insurance to accommodate the show in 2008. During the discussions, it was realized that MABA currently has enough insurance to meet the requirements as they are now known, and no action will be taken unless new requirements surface in the future.

Conference Call:

Chuck notified all present that the cost of the meeting conference call was donated by MAPACA! Thank You MAPACA!

Treasurer Assignment

Chuck expressed the desire to turn over the treasurer job to someone as soon as possible to avoid any impression of improper involvement since he (Chuck) is now also Treasurer of MAPACA. Discussion centered on the difficulty in doing the transfer since the new treasurer will be named by the new BOD in January. It was decided that Chuck would remain treasurer until the new one is selected and installed, but would not write any checks from the MABA account after December 21, 2007.

4H Awards

A brief discussion was held on the checks for 4H Awards. Confusion existed on which checks were for which awards. Rich stated he would check and make sure the awards were properly stated.

Thank You

A special "thank you" note was read by Jess, which was received from Jeff McCovy who was a speaker on "Legal Contracts" at the General Membership Meeting in November.

BOB Elections

Jess stated that reports from Steph Morrision indicated that about 30 ballots had been returned at the time of the meeting

Discussion was forthcoming on the problem that developed with the nominations. After much ado, on how to handle the issue, the following statement is recorded in the minutes:

“A mistake was made in preparing the slate of candidates, in that someone who had volunteered to run was inadvertently left off the ballot. When the error was discovered, the Board of Directors and the Board President personally offered to correct the situation by sending out an amended ballot. The person that was left off the ballot stated they did not want this to happen for the good of MABA. This extremely altruistic approach is to be applauded and honored. The results of the election will be announced at the next General Membership Meeting.”

January's General Membership Meeting

A place for the January Membership Meeting was discussed and Barry volunteered to make the arrangements.

2008 MABA Alpaca Show

Chuck asked to make several motions for the record, to assist the new BOD in getting started on the show as follows:

1. The MABA Board fully supports a Halter and Fleece Show to be held at the Carroll County Ag. Center on November 14-16, 2008, and then annually thereafter.
2. In order to facilitate the organization of the MABA Halter and Fleece Show, a show committee should be formed to organize and run the event.
3. Money received from show sponsors during 2007-2008 will be used exclusively for show activities and not for general MABA expenditures.
4. MABA will use membership funds and grant monies to financially support the MABA Halter and Fleece Show.

The motions made by Chuck were discussed and seconded by John.

Contract for the Ag. Center was signed and a down payment was made.

A Contract for the show superintendent was signed with Kathy Oyster.

Judges: Seven judge's names were presented and discussed. It was agreed we would attempt to secure Jill McCloud and Wade Geese for halter classes and Winnie Lebrech for fleece. Jess would pursue.

Ring size and space for the fleece show was discussed with a general agreement that the show committee should acquire a CAD program and work on the space issues.

It was agreed that Chuck would work on the AOBA Grant money, since the deadline is fast approaching. (January 15). MABA must make sure that a large percentage of the MABA membership must be AOBA members to secure the grant money.

Jess made a motion to end the meeting and it was seconded by all!