

# MARYLAND ALPACA BREEDER'S ASSOCIATION

## January 13, 2008

### Annual Meeting Minutes

The first meeting of the new year was held at the Glenwood Branch of the Howard County Library January 13, 2008. The Board of Directors and Nominees met briefly to transfer duties and select new officers prior to the General Membership meeting being called to order. Tilly Dorsey led a Q & A about the upcoming ARI Task Force meeting.

At 2:40 outgoing President Jess Armstrong called the meeting to order and the following members were in attendance:

Nancy Brandt, Sugarloaf Alpacas  
Kate & Tilly Dorsey, DAFI Alpacas  
Charlene Johns, Alpactopia  
Jess & Chris Armstrong, Calico Moon Alpacas  
Barry & Mary Clark, Peaceful Hollow Farm  
Stephanie Morrison, Springhouse Farm  
Nicole Tait, Pilgrim's Reward  
Dave & Sandy Crouse, Meadow Brooke Alpacas  
Lora McMunn, In the Shoe Farms  
Diana Wilson, Fernwood Farm  
Chuck & Ashley Gulotta, Arcadia Hollow  
Scott Gove, Sandhill Alpacas  
Neil Padgett, A Paca Fun Farm  
Andy Schneider, Middle Eight Farm  
Bert DiLuigi, Susquehanna Farms  
Doug & Teece Nowell, Twin Beeches Alpacas  
Patty Mattingly, Nobella Alpacas  
Roger & Dede Crout, Dragonfly Alpacas  
John & Renee Petersam, Criative Acres  
Dave & Ruth Nye, Moose Ridge Alpacas  
Heinz & Sue Ann Wilms, Brookmere Alpacas  
Rose Page, Dameron Alpacas  
Jackie Mathiason, Alpaca Road

#### Old Business:

The minutes of the November General Membership Meeting were approved. Treasurer Chuck Gulotta delivered his final report which was approved as read. MABA's current balance, not including funds collected on the 13th, stands at \$4895.32.

#### New Business:

There was brief discussion about the upcoming MD Department of Agriculture's "20th annual MDA Open House". Jackie Mathiason and Rose Page volunteered to attend on behalf of MABA this year. The event will be held on March 29th at the Ag headquarters in Annapolis. Thanks to Jackie & Rose for volunteering.

Jess Armstrong gave a MABA Show Committee report. The first meeting was hosted by Andy Schneider on January 5th. MABA's first show will be held at the Ag Center in Westminster in the Shipley Arena on November 15 & 16 2008. Chuck Gulotta and Jess Armstrong completed the AOBA grant application and after review by the committee, submitted it to AOBA for review on January 14th. Tilly Dorsey requested that the committee give serious consideration to some type of youth related classes for the overall benefit of the show and suggested her sponsorship be used to promote youth classes. Her 4-H group will be available to do "Helpful Hands" work during the show. There was some additional discussion about the show and Renee Petersam asked for members to fill out a show survey to help guide the committee. Stephanie Morrison will be collecting the surveys and reporting back to the committee with results. The date for the next meeting is February 2nd, at 5710 Executive Dr Suite 105 Catonsville, MD. Additional show committee meetings are planned on a prescheduled basis, more volunteers are needed!! Contact Jess for details at 443.956.3851.

To date the following farms have paid for Platinum Sponsorships for MABA's show:

A Paca Fun Farm, Criative Acres, DAFI Alpacas, Flying Pony Alpacas, Peaceful Hollow Farm and Twin Beeches.

The new Board of Directors was announced as follows:

Teece Nowell, Twin Beeches Alpacas, LLC ~ President  
Barry Clark, Peaceful Hollow Farm ~ Vice President  
Nancy Brandt, Sugarloaf Alpaca Company ~ Treasurer  
Christine Armstrong, Calico Moon Alpacas ~ Secretary

Kate Dorsey, DAFI Alpacas ~ Member at Large  
Lora McMunn, In The Shoe Farms, LLC ~ Member at Large  
Dave Nye, Moose Ridge Alpacas, LLC ~ Member at Large

Outgoing President, Jess Armstrong then turned the meeting over to Teece Nowell who made a brief statement about her vision for the organization, emphasizing fiber and marketing as her two key issues in addition to full support of the show. Members thanked the outgoing Board and welcomed the new officers with a round of applause.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully Submitted: Christine Armstrong, MABA Secretary