



## ***Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association***

### ***General Membership Meeting Minutes***

January 14, 2007

#### **I. Call to order**

Jess Armstrong called to order the General Membership meeting of the Maryland Alpaca Breeder's Association at 2:37pm on January 14, 2006 at the Howard County Library in Columbia, MD.

#### **II. Roll Call**

John & Renee Petersam, Criative Acres  
Jess & Chris Armstrong, Calico Moon Alpacas  
Patti Anderson, Wild Rose Suri Ranch  
Dave & Ruth Nye, Moose Ridge Alpacas  
Barry & Mary Clark, Peaceful Hollow Farm  
Heinz Wilms, Brookmere Alpacas  
Dave & Sandy Crause, Meadow Brook Alpacas  
Bert De Luigi, Susquehanna Farms  
Richard Keyser, Day Dream Alpacas  
Scott Gove, Sandhill Alpacas  
Andy Schneider, Middle Eight Farm  
Greta C. Carsten  
Doug & Teece Nowell, Twin Beeches Alpacas  
Tilley Dorsey, DAFI Alpacas  
Lisa Land, Suri Sunset Alpacas  
Stephanie Morrison, Springhouse Farm  
Charles Gulotta, Arcadia Hollow Alpaca

#### **III. Motion to Accept 11/11 Meeting Minutes**

- Jess Armstrong asks for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the November 11 membership meeting.
- Chris Armstrong makes the motion, Bert De Luigi seconds.

#### **IV. Treasury Report**

- Chuck Gulotta:
  - i. Total Cash and Bank Accounts: **\$1,831.02**
  - ii. Income:
    1. Full Membership: \$450.00
    2. Associate Membership: \$175.00
    3. Calendar Listing: \$20.00
    4. Full Membership: \$3,450.00
    5. Genetics Seminar: \$97.88
    6. Paypal Testing: \$.36
    7. Vendor Listing: \$120.00
    8. Winter Lecture Series: \$188.61

9. Total:	<b>\$4,501.84</b>
iii. Expenses:	
1. Food Expenses:	\$56.83
2. Insurance:	\$510.00
3. Miscellaneous, Bus:	\$81.49
4. Printing & Reproduction:	\$163.69
5. Tax Preparation:	\$183.75
iv. Balance Forward:	<b>\$3,163.59</b>
v. Checking:	<b>\$3,163.59</b>
vi. <b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>\$1,831.02</b>

- Motion to approve the treasurer's report by John Petersam, seconded by Andy Schneider.

## **V. Committee Updates**

- Scott Gove, Education Committee
  - Reports on the success of the Genetics Seminar.
  - Looking to plan a summer seminar with Norm Evans (location TBD), and trying to make a couple hundred dollars.
  - They would like a couple of low-cost seminars next winter.
    - All day seminar including an accountant on financing farm improvements and herd expansion, and an attorney to discuss contracts.
    - Advanced planning / neonatal clinic.
- Patti Anderson, Fiber Committee
  - The fiber committee has gotten off to a slow start because of geographical limitations.
  - They're talking about setting up a regional operation.
  - They've created a MABA fiber site on Yahoo. Members will be sent an invitation.
  - They will be able to do surveys to gather information.
  - This information can be used to determine what fiber seminar MABA could hold.
- Chris Armstrong, Marketing Committee
  - The website is now finished.
  - When you log into the website, you can set up your stud and sales listings.
  - Please remember to limit your listings to 6 total.
  - Calendar listings are still free (in addition to your 6 total stud and sales listings).
  - Chris will call everyone with their user names and passwords, or you can call her.
- Jess Armstrong
  - We need volunteers for the membership committee.

## **VI. Maryland Agricultural Department**

- Jess Armstrong
  - We have no official MABA exhibit.
  - The date is March 24.
  - Talk to Jess if you are interested.
- Heinz Wilms states he might be interested.
- Renee Petersam states that it is the same day as the Maryland Alpaca Show.

**VII. AOBA Affiliate Congress**

- Don't forget to respond to the Affiliate Congress Survey that John Petersam sent on behalf of Rick Stumpf.
- If you belong to multiple affiliates, you will receive multiple copies of the survey. Please only fill out one.
- Rick Stumpf will continue to be our representative to the Affiliate Congress.

**VIII. The National Lama Intervention and Rescue Coordination Council**

- Jess Armstrong - They are looking for a MABA representative to their group. Talk to Jess if you are interested.

**IX. Election Committee**

- Stephanie Morrison – The new board members are Andy Bauer, Barry Clark, Suzie Homire, and Richard Keyser.
- Jess Armstrong introduces the new board members.
- Jess – No roles have been picked yet. They will be assigned by the new board.

**X. State Fair**

- Tilley Dorsey
  - i. We have been asked to perform a show associated with the State Fair.
  - ii. Tilley distributes a sheet detailing what MABA would need to do for the State Fair.
- Andy Schneider
  - i. The biggest logistical problems are being handled by the Fair Board
  - ii. He's not afraid to show his shorn animals there because the buildings are well-ventilated.
- Teece Nowell requests an informal vote to see who would be interested in supporting the fair.
- A vote is taken, and most are interested.
- Richard Keyser talks about the exposure we could get on radio and television.
- John Petersam asks if a committee were formed, would anyone volunteer? Quite a few people volunteer.
- John then motions to form a State Fair Committee.
- Andy Schneider and David Nye second.

**XI. Future Meetings**

- Jess asks for volunteers to hold future meetings at their farms.
- Contact him if you are interested.

**XII. Breed Standards Update**

- John Petersam – The breed standards committee is taking suggestions on the document that will be proposed to the membership.
- Contact John Petersam with any comments.
- A discussion on breed standards, their intended purpose, and feasibility ensues.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Scott Gove motions adjournment at 4:42pm, Bert De Luigi seconds.

Minutes submitted by: John E. Petersam  
Secretary  
Maryland Alpaca Breeder's Association