



***Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association***  
***Board of Directors Meeting Minutes***  
**July 9, 2006**

**I. Call to order**

Jess Armstrong called to order the General Membership meeting of the Maryland Alpaca Breeder's Association at Criative Acres on July 9, 2005 at 1:07PM in Jarrettsville, MD.

**II. Roll Call**

The following Board members were present:

- o Jess Armstrong, President
- o Barry Clark, Vice President
- o Charles Gulotta, Treasurer
- o John Petersam, Secretary
- o Cathy Drennan, Member-at-Large
- o Josephine Gilman, Member-at-Large
- o Rick Stumpf, Member-at-Large
- o Patti Anderson, Past President

The following non-Board members were present:

- o Valerie Perrin – Co-Chair Education Committee
- o Scott Gove – Co-Chair Education Committee
- o Chris Armstrong – Web Committee

**III. Treasurer's Report**

- o Chuck Gulotta
  - o Since the last meeting we have made the final payment for our tax preparation.
  - o We have also paid Grindstone Graphics \$680 for their last bill.
  - o Our current balance (as of 7/9/2006) is \$4,264.61.
  - o Wayne Aldrich still has a small amount of money in an account from last year.

**IV. Budget**

- o Jess Armstrong submitted the following budget for the remainder of the year:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Ballots & Postage	\$250.00
Grindstone Graphics	\$500.00
Picnic	\$300.00
MABA Business Cards / Post Cards	\$400.00
Website Upgrades	\$3,150.00
Frederick Fair (4-H Trophy)	\$75.00
Total Proposed Budget	\$4,675.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$4,264.61</b>
<b>After Expenses</b>	<b>(-\$410.39)</b>
<b>Potential Income (Type Conference)</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Final Balance</b>	<b>\$589.61</b>

- o Chuck Gulotta is concerned that if the type conference does not produce an income, then MABA will be in the red for the year.
- o John Petersam makes a motion to reduce the Picnic budget, and cut the business cards from the budget.
- o The motion is seconded by Chuck Gulotta and unanimously approved.

**V. Committee Reports**

- o Type Conference
  - Scott Gove
    - MAPACA has stated that they to underwrite the Type Conference to \$5,800 (our worst case scenario), but the board has not yet officially voted on it.
    - The Type Conference will be from 9/30 – 10/1 (1½ days).
    - We may have an optional Saturday evening dinner.
  - Valerie Perrin
    - Recommends \$500/day for the speakers + travel expenses.
    - We should divide the speakers amongst the board, move forward calling potential while we wait for the check from MAPACA.
  - John Petersam makes a motion to start making calls, seconded by Chuck Gulotta, approved by all.
  - Rick Stumpf recommends that we place the Type Conference on the website calendar, and mark it as “tentative”.
- o Winter Seminar
  - Valerie Perrin
    - They are hoping to have either Dr. Phillip Sponenberg or Dr. Norm Evans, preferably Dr. Evans.
    - A budget will be prepared in the next couple of months, after the Type Conference.
- o Website Committee

- Chris Armstrong
  - The website upgrades are 95% complete.
  - However, TATNET waited too long to get the PayPal account set up, so it can't be shown at this time.
  - The Stud Services / Alpacas for Sale pages are sortable, but asks which fields should be sortable.
  - The board recommends breed, price, color, date of birth, Proven/Unproven/Gelding, Sex, Name, & farm.
  - She asks if we could at least have the business cards designed for members to download and print themselves?
- John Petersam says that since MABA is short on funds, he is willing donate the services of one of his employees to design a business card and update old Sheep & Wool Festival advertisement.
- Fiber Committee
  - Patti Anderson states that they are looking for volunteers, and will ask for them at the general meeting.
  - Patti also refers everyone to the charter that she wrote for the committee. It is posted on the MABA website in the Members section.

**VI. AOBA Affiliate Meeting**

- Rick Stumpf
  - It will be held on August 12.
  - They are asking for Presidents or representatives to attend.
- John Petersam motions to allow Rick to represent MABA, Patti Anderson seconded it, and it was approved by all.

**VII. Future Meetings**

- MABA general meeting November 12.
- BOD meeting to be scheduled before then.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Barry Clark motions adjournment, seconded by Rick Stumpf, and approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm.

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