



Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2005

I. Call to order

Patti Anderson called to order the General Membership meeting of the Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association at 3:39 PM on August 14, 2005 at Alpacas of Windswept Farm, Middletown, MD.

II. Roll call

The following members were in attendance:

- Jeffrey & Christine Charikofsky
- Heinz Wilms
- Lisa & Mike Coles
- Stephanie Morrison
- Katherine Blakeslee
- Renee & John Petersam
- Jerry Beauchamp
- Bert & Angela DeLuigi
- Scott & Betsy Gove
- Al & Catherine Beatty
- Mike & Kathy Graziani
- Jerry Beauchamp
- Sue Hall
- Rick & Kathy Stumpf
- Paul & Diana Wilson
- Richard & Kathy Keyser
- Patti Anderson
- Wayne & Cindy Aldrich

III. Old Business

- Patti Anderson welcomed both new and existing members. Farms/members were invited to introduce themselves and their farms to the membership.
- Members of the BOD were introduced.
- The following items were discussed:
 - Two (2) new farms have joined MABA for a current total of 37. There are 68 MD farms listed with AOBA so there is still room for growth.
 - Elections for the next term of the BOD will be occurring this fall.

- Any members who are interested in running should contact Patti as soon as possible.
 - Email message has been sent by nominating committee for the same purpose.
 - Ballots need to be prepared.
- Review of BOD meetings that occurred in July and August
 - Website changes
 - Upcoming seminars
- Requested changes to MABA Bylaws were discussed
 - Originally created in 1997
 - Edited when changed from LLC → Inc occurred
 - An attempt was made to change two years ago but there was not a quorum available. Positions, history and discussion of past events occurred.
 - Proposals:
 - Extend terms to two (2) years to have continuity
 - Elect slate of candidates and have MABA board elect the specific positions at first meeting. This will provide required flexibility in case of changes, resignations, etc.
- MABA support of state and local events was discussed
 - MABA has limited funds for these events
 - BOD has elected to support 4H portion of fairs/shows, but will not directly support specific alpaca events.
 - Members were encouraged to support specific events themselves
- Great Frederick Fair
 - Peg Stephens will be show superintendent
 - Fleece check in will be 9/17/05 along with the 4H show
 - Fleece judging will occur 9/18/05
 - The County Roads display will be open the entire fair week. Sue Ann Wilms will be coordinating the spinners.
 - Heinz Wilms is coordinating:
 - Specialty building with animals on display
 - MABA hosts one day out of the seven – Wednesday is Alpaca day
 - Approximately 35000 visitors

- Need volunteers to hand out literature. Sign up with Heinz for two (2) hour block.
 - Hand washing needs to be encouraged – e-coli concerns. Stations will be available.
 - Past history and no advertising rules were discussed
 - Kevin O’Leary will be judge
 - Halter 9/23/05
 - Performance 9/24/05
 - Richard Keyser & Scott Gove are coordinating volunteers
- Upcoming Neonatal clinic is Sunday October 2, 2005 at the Buckeystown Animal Hospital
 - Lead by Dr, Tony Cotton
 - Dr. Gail Campbell to provide afternoon cria care lecture
 - \$170 for lecture and lab
 - \$100 lecture only
 - Breakfast and lunch is included
 - Hands-on limited to 15 people, 1 per farm
 - Registration due 8/15/2005 before being opened to MAPACA
- Website improvements underway
 - Minutes posted
 - Bylaws posted
 - Examining costs to do additional changes
 - 2-for-1 deal on advertisements still in effect
 - Animal listings - \$24
 - Vendor listings - \$36
- Next MABA meeting scheduled for 11/13/2005

IV. Adjournment

Patti Anderson adjourned the meeting at **5:10 PM**

Minutes submitted by: Jeffrey G. Charikofsky, Secretary, Maryland Alpaca Breeders Association

Minutes approved by: MABA Board of Directors, _____