

MABA General Meeting December 7th, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Barry Clark @ 2:00 at the Burr Artz Center, Frederick County Public Library, Frederick, MD.

The following members were present:

Tom & Mary Wilson, Pearl Moon Alpacas

Jon J. Nairns

Scott & Betsy Gove, Sandhill Alpacas

Dave & Sandy Crouse, Meadow Brooke Alpacas

Paul & Betty Thompson, Alpacas Hide Away

Stephanie Morrison, Springhouse Farm Alpacas

Heinz & Sue Ann Wilms, Brookmere Alpacas

Andy Schneider, Middle Eight Farm

Tilly Dorsey, DAFI Alpacas

Barry & Mary Clark, Alpacas of Maryland of Peaceful Hollow

Dave Nye, Moose Ridge Alpacas

Lora McMunn, In the Shoe Alpacas

Chris & Jess Armstrong, Calico Moon Alpacas

Barry gave many thanks to the volunteers who donated time to the MABA Alpaca Celebration. General comments from the alpaca community about the have been very positive. The leaky roof was mentioned in AN blog and brought to the attention of the facility manager. Thanks also went out to all key people. 4-H groups were considered a great asset and all agreed they did an outstanding job.

MABA Alpaca Celebration Show Report, Jess

While many areas of the show were a great success, there is plenty of room for improvement. Jess reviewed the list from the post production meeting and took comments from members.

The following list of items were a result of the post show meeting:

Food vendor needs to be reconsidered

Seminar schedule should be posted outside of room / sign up sheet should be utilized

Auctions need to close on time

Ribbons & Banners can use improvement

Volunteer perks need to improve

Show should be greener

Professional announcer should be considered and better PA system needs to be utilized

Building maintenance issues - plan for consolation prizes to affected farms from leaky roof

Volunteer meeting needed to happen when scheduled

Free coffee should be offered

Judges need to consider being more flexible about animals running late due to performance classes

Signs for manure piles need to be posted

“No Parking” signs are needed

Costume classes should be considered for next year

Banners that block other pens need to be addressed

MABA membership list to be handed out at show or printed in show program

MABA Ads should be first in program

MABA Members getting priority registration should be considered
Marketing needs to be improved to bring in more public

Treasury Report, Dave on Nancy's behalf

Profit from show will be a minimum of 3,000.00 to 4,000.00. Many of the outstanding invoices are now in que. We do not think there will be any surprises.

Membership Report, Chris

Currently we have 73 members.

Welcome to our new members:

Wayne McWilliams, So Many Gates Alpaca Farm, Carroll County, Maryland

Frederick Obenchain, Hollycroft Farm, Virginia

Carlos Escudero, Alpacas Carlos, Frederick County, Maryland

Mary Moore, Moore Or Less Farm, St. Marys County, Maryland

Jim and Bobbie Killian, Clover Meadows Farm Alpacas, Virginia

Joe, Melissa, Donny & Claudie Kyger, Alpacas of Maple Grove Farm LLC, Virginia

Phil & Vickie Liske, Outstanding Dreams Farm, Caroline County, Maryland

Tim & Beth Rowland, Boonsboro, Little Farm by the Creek, Washington County, Maryland

Dr. Sara Via, Howard County, Maryland

Robert Wimmer, ABBEC Alpaca, LLC, Carroll County, Maryland

Joyce Miskovic, AlpacaJoy of Maryland, Howard County, Maryland

Events Report, Dave

Maryland Ag Day in March, Jackie & Rose Page

State Fair, 4H event in tandem with animals from MABA

(Heinz mentioned the State Fair is looking to expand)

City Streets Country Roads at the Frederick Fair

Howard County Fall Festival

Cromwell Valley Fall Festival – (Tilly with 4-H kids)

Barry encouraged farms to consider a variety of new events, call to members to find out how/ what they are doing or need help.

Affiliate Congress Report on behalf of Rick Stumpf, Dave

General review of the history of Affiliate Congress was discussed.

AOBA disbanded the AC, after 2 years of minimal response from AOBA to any communications the AC is still looking to continue its work. General comments followed and those who weighed in all felt it was worth continuing support of AC in some form.

Election Results, Barry

Dave Nye, Stephanie Morrison and Andy Schneider will join the 2009 BOD. Barry will step down after completing three years. Chris Armstrong, Nancy Brandt and Lora McMunn will continue. The new BOD will meet immediately following the December 7th General meeting and elect officers.

Meeting adjourned 4:00