

MAINE ALPACA ASSOCIATION -- ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014

On a blustery Sunday afternoon representatives from fourteen Maine alpaca farms were represented for the annual meeting which was highlighted by the election of the new board of directors. In attendance were Paula Ickeringill, Ann Sylvester, Jill McElderry-Maxwell, Karen Woods, Mike and Will O'Brien, Bear & Lois Brace, Darlene Herbert, Alan Russo, Robin Fowler, Corry Pratt, Pam Drew, John Furman, Al Russo, and Ky Wolterbeek.

Karen, our out-going President, gave a demonstration to show how simple it is to set up the MAA display. Being quite a bulky item it can appear intimidating--proof now that it is nothing to be worried about if any farm is interested in using the booth or setting it up during MAA sponsored functions. Robin Fowler volunteered to also write up a step-by-step instruction card to keep with the booth/display.

Pamela Drew gave the MAA financial report as of January 17, 2014. This will be posted on our website.

Newsletter information request by Jill. She is preparing to continue with the on-line newsletter and is looking for farm information. (Limits on pictures please) The newsletter will also be an opportunity for active links. For more information please contact Jill at Bag End Suris.

Quick chat about the yahoo email info. More info to follow -- we are trying to get this more streamlined and figure out why some email addresses are not receiving messages.

Suggestion for membership increase--personal contact, tier membership, farm meetings, ME made products. There is a clear agreement that there are two general needs: support and product that we are looking for MAA to serve. All good suggestions as we move forward with our new board.

The newly elected board members are: Mike O'Brien, Darlene Herbert, Ann Sylvester (second term), and Alan Russo. They join "Bear" and Ginny Rebar as our Board of Directors for 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ky Wolterbeek  
Out-going Secretary