**Maine Alpaca Association**

**Members’ Meeting**

**Fiber Frolic – Windsor, ME**

**June 3, 2018**

The meeting opened at 4:25PM

Attendees: 14 Members

**President**: Anne Gobes gave the welcoming address.

Anne asked everyone to introduce themselves and their farms names as we had a few new members in the audience.

This meeting was informal as it was more of a round table discussion on things the members wanted clarified.

* A question was asked about alpaca involvement with 4-H. Mike O’Brien mentioned that the FFA organization might be interested in alpaca education.
* Corry Pratt stated that there are approximately 50 alpaca farms in operation in Maine. Approximately 12 farms are registered as commercial.
* Anne spoke about MAA domain names. We now have “GetMEalpaca.com”.
* We now have GET ME Alapca stickers that Anne passed out to the members.
* The Summer MAA newsletter is almost ready to be published. Anne asked if anyone had anything they would like to add to the newsletter to please send it to her.
* Anne asked for ideas for meeting topics so that we could plan for the rest of our meetings.
* Corry stated that they get almost daily calls from new owners who purchased alpacas and had received no mentoring from the sellers.
* It would be good to post a new buyer checklist on the MAA website to add the buyer in the right questions to ask before purchasing an animal.
* We can send samples of our pasture soil and hay to the Cooperative Extension Service in Augusta to find out what might be needed to amend our soil or possibly purchase our hay from a different location.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary