



MINUTES

Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association

Date | time April 5, 2018 | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Reachard at 7:30 pm

In Attendance

Chris Reachard, Carole Rost, Bill Oraschin, Arlene Fusko, Randy Strong, Bryan Mindte, Sue Rose, Chris & Jess Armstrong

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved with a change of next board meeting date. Motion by Randy; seconded by Carole. Motion passed unanimously.

Board

Treasurer's Report was given by Bill. According to Bill's records, MAPACA has cash available of \$76,072.01, with \$38,717.17 in PayPal. All bills paid except for judges' fee and other small items. Bill will bring checks to pay judges per diem rate according to contract to the Show.

Jubilee 2018

Chris A. reported that she is keeping a close eye on how the actual numbers compare to our budget and MAPACA shows a healthy margin. Sign costs were a bit higher than budgeted. Carole reported that the Jubilee Show Book is at the printers. Arlene will order 200 show bags at a cost of \$478, which is lower than the budgeted amount of \$800. A total of 150 farms are registered at this point.

Bill has arranged for the pellet purchase at a cost of \$1500 for 300 bags. The expensive part of this project is trucking the pellets to the Show (\$2200) and Bill is working on a way to mitigate that expense. Arlene will pick up the ribbons.

Chris A. has reviewed the floor plan with Morgan to designate how lines will be placed with our new allocation of space. She is concerned that we need more volunteers, with none signed up for walking fleece. Sue volunteered to do a sit-down job. Chris R. will put a notice out on Facebook.

Carpeting. Randy reported that we still need to figure out who/how/when we need to accept and laydown the carpeting. Chris A. and Chris R. have allocated \$2800, which is the cost General Expo Services would charge if we need them. Randy and Bill will work out a way to do it without that expense. A list will be generated with who will be available to unload and lay carpet down on Wednesday. Mission volunteers may be used and will be paid through the petty cash fund. Jess reported that we still need volunteers to pick it up on Sunday and a place to store the carpeting. Jess will look into the cost of a storage unit that is about 3 miles away.

Seminar. Sue reported that the seminars are scheduled. Dr. Van Saun will present ringside at noon on Saturday. Chris R. requested that a screen be sent up with appropriate electrical for him, since he will bring his

own projector. We hope that it will be visible even with the hall lighting. Point of View Alpacas will do a seminar on essential oils; Bud will speak about AOA; and Chris R. will speak on marketing alpaca poop. Sue will provide thank-you gifts to the presenters.

Chris A. and Jess left the meeting at 8:42 pm.

The Board agreed that Cabin View Alpacas will receive a free stall due to its multiple offers of herdsire breedings to the Auction.

Other Business

Fall Fleece Show and Fiber Symposium. Chris R. asked the Board to consider the weekend of October 12-14, 2018 for the Show. The Board discussed the other shows and fiber festivals that are known to occur in the Fall and decided that weekend would work.

This will be a paid event with hands-on workshops. No venue has yet been selected. The Board discussed locations and generally agreed that somewhere around the NY/PA border would work well. Randy brought up the idea of holding the event at Tioga Downs Casino, west of Binghamton, NY. He will research that venue and his wife will pick up some information from the casino.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm. Motion by Bill; seconded by Carole. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sue Rose, Secretary