

OABA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2011

Present: Laura Lee, Vice President; Rick Johnson, Treasurer; Marilyn Wentworth, Secretary; Bill Goebel, Director at Large; Joe Osborn, Director at Large; Nora Custer-Haberbusch, Director at Large

Absent: Jana Lee-Harris, Director at Large; Jeff Bradford, President

1. 7:07 PM, the meeting was called to order by Nora.

2. AlpacaFest 2011 – Joe

A. Contracts with The Champion Center for AlpacaFest 2011 are signed.

B. The AlpacaFest 2011 will be moved to the last weekend in October. This ensures better weather and no conflict with the Ohio State/Michigan game.

C. This date conflicts with Dr. Stachowski and Mary Reed's auction. Joe will contact them to let them know.

D. Joe is working on bringing Peter Kennedy, a judge from Australia, to judge huacayas for the show. He's trying to coordinate his fee with two other shows to save money.

E. After some difficulties with the past Superintendent's team, Joe is working closely with Peg Stephens herself. The BoD believes she should be at our show in person to guarantee the quality of the team. Ms. Stephens hasn't confirmed yet. There are other Superintendants we could hire if needed.

F. Combine AlpacaFest with *Paca to Product*? The board is considering how and if we could put the two events together since we have rented the facility for the whole week. Joe and Nora are speaking to Morningstar Fiber Mill to see if they are interested. It could boost the attendance for the week by making it a HUGE event where people could learn all about our industry. Those most interested in fleece could follow that track and those interested in halter showing could follow that track. But we would put on *Paca to Product* the first part of the week so people could attend both.

1. Logistics of animals in the barn for one week: we might use equine pine pellets to cut odor under the straw and mats.

2. Voting was tabled until the new members of the BoD arrive and can have their input.

G. Joe is in discussions with Dave Barboza about continuing to do the youth section of AlpacaFest.

1. Dave would do the youth (4-H, FFA) judging workshop, obstacle course, performance and PR animals at no charge.

2. Dave would be paid for judging the fleece show. We would reimburse him for his travel, car rental, and meals. He'll stay at Joe's so there won't be a hotel fee. Joe won't show any fleeces.

3. Joe moved to contract Dave Barboza to manage the youth programs and judge the fleece show as described above.

a. Rick seconded the motion.

b. Motion passed unanimously

c. Details will be worked out with the new Board.

H. Dave is also looking to OABA to help sponsor his national Alpaca Buckle Award project for youth. Kids would win buckles for showing alpacas just like

other livestock shows. Other organizations (CABO, Suri Network, GA, FL) are also involved.

1. Joe moved to send \$200 to Dave Barboza's Alpaca Buckle Award Project.

- a. Bill seconded the motion.
- b. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Joe will follow up.

2. Bill mentioned also awarding patches to kids.

I. There is a company, Appalachin Services, www.alpacashowreg.com that does online registration for fleece shows. This is also currently the registration software that is utilized for halter registration. This way everything would be entered right into the program book. Errors would only be made by the person registering since there is no middle man. Don Thompkins is in charge of this. We will discuss this with the new Board members to see if they approve the change from paper to electronic fleece registration. The 2010 fleece show coordinators suggested the use of an electronic registration system in 2011 to help minimize the errors and also the duplication of data entry in an effort to be time effective.

J. AF speaker for next year - discussion

1. Dr. Temple Grandin who teaches animal behavior.
2. Dr. Brett Kaysen who teaches how to improve the alpaca industry. He might work on a presentation with Dave Barboza, maybe on Friday evening and/or Saturday lunch. \$500/day plus travel. Joe will find out his availability.

3. GoDaddy.com web host needs to be renewed.

- A. Bill will work with Dennis to change URL to OhioAlpacaAssociation.com
- B. Laura Lee will keep our payments current.

4. We will publicly thank everyone who helped with AlpacaFest by making a special national email blast. Sponsors, herdsire donators, and volunteers will be highlighted.

- A. Nora will get list of all volunteers from Karen Mullier.
- B. Bill will write this and send it to a list of all AOBA members via Sandy Morden.
- C. We will change all email blast subject lines to Ohio Alpaca Breeders Association, not OABA. Too many people confuse it with AOBA.
- D. We might also thank them in the spring issue of Ohio Alpaca Life magazine.

5. *Ohio Alpaca Life* Magazine update – Bill

- A. Editor, Laurel Shoumlin, wants to participate in a board meeting to discuss the past and future of the magazine. She's willing to continue for another year.
- B. We might only do 2 or 3 magazines per year instead of 4.
- C. We all need to help Laurel by submitting content and finding others who will too.
- D. Laurel has requested time at the next OABA board meeting in order to discuss the magazine in the future, and some other suggestions that she has for OABA.

6. Treasurer's Report – Rick
 - A. We ended AlpacaFest with a profit of \$10,200.
 - B. Rick needs Nora to sign a signature card for the bank. Joe also does this for checks over \$350 so more than one name is on a large check.

7. Updating OABA By-Laws – Bill
 - A. Times have changed and we need to update a few clauses in the By-Laws.
 - B. Rick will contact Bob Rodgers, Chair of the Government/Legislative Committee to review them and make suggestions.
 - C. We will conduct an e-vote by the membership on each new clause and update them before the next election.

8. We had a brief Executive Session about a personal matter.

9. Winter Quarterly Meeting – Joe will coordinate the next meeting in February at Swisher Creek Farm in central Ohio.
 - A. The speakers will be alpaca veterinarian Dr. Jeffrey Lakritz and parasitologist Dr. Antoinette Marsh from OSU.
 - B. We might send post cards to increase attendance since some people don't receive our email.

10. Spring Quarterly Meeting – Bill will work with Louise and the fleece committee to arrange a speaker.
 - A. Topic - Fleece sorting seminar and demo.
 - B. Possible presenters: Jody Hezoucky, Cindy Mergo, Karen Biscella, Coarse Broads
 - C. Would be nice to have some representatives from mini-mills on hand to discuss their desires/requirements for fiber processing

11. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

12. Meeting adjourned, 9:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Wentworth
OABA Secretary