

OABA Board of Directors Meeting
May, 27, 2010

Present: Jeff Bradford, Bill Goebel, Rick Johnson, Marilyn Wentworth, Nora Custer-Haberbusch, Joe Osborn

Absent: Laura Lee, Jana Lee-Harris

The meeting began at 7:00 PM

Treasurer's report – Rick Johnson

Checking	\$ 35,812.82
Money Mkt.	<u>100,091.94</u>
TOTAL	\$135,904.76

We are current on all bills. \$250 was donated to help with fuel for fiber to Florida

131 members

15 renewals since March

12 new members

Next April we will send notices to all members to renew for June 1, 2011

Ohio Alpaca Life Magazine – Bill Goebel

There are 300 copies of the Inagural Issue left. We discussed having more so people can purchase them to distribute to local professional offices in their communities or to have them available on their farms. We think \$4.00 per copy is a fair price.

Jeff moved we set the price for the magazine, *Ohio Alpaca Life*, at \$4.00 for those who want to purchase them until we run out.

Rick seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Bill will post this on the website. Anyone wishing to purchase magazines can contact the Treasurer, Rick Johnson, and pay him.

There is a website, magcloud.com, that can print extra copies if we need them.

We would like every person or farm who advertises or writes an article to get a free copy. Laura and Laurel have lists of these people.

Bill would like to send copies to veterinarians in Ohio. There would be a note attached that asks the office staff to keep the copy in the waiting room.

The next magazine will have a notice that it is the last free one to people who are not OABA members. Farms need to join OABA to continue receiving *Ohio Alpaca Life*. Laurel might write an article about what show judges are looking for. Bill will submit an article about the Veterinarian Conference at OSU last spring. We will seek other articles. We will also publish the OABA budget in this issue and announce the date and location of the next OABA Quarterly Meeting. We think a Pot Luck might be a good idea so there is no cost to the

membership for catering. Jeff will research and write an article about the oil spill in the Gulf and the effort to collect and ship alpaca fleece from Ohio. We discussed printing 1000 copies again so we have plenty to distribute at shows.

Jeff moved that we print 1000 copies of the second *Ohio Alpaca Life* since that is the number where we get the best price.

Nora seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanymously.

Website – Bill Goebel

The website is up and running smoothly. News is relayed to members as soon as possible.

AlpacaFest – Nora Custer-Haberbusch

We are excited about using the Champion Center in Springfield, Ohio. It has capacity for 300 stalls. We are trying to figure out a projected revenue from the event: high and low estimates. Nora will put an ad about it in the next *Ohio Alpaca Life*.

June Quarterly Meeting for OABA – Bill

Many questions regarding the fleece show are being asked. These are in reference to how many fleeces people can bring to the Quarterly Meeting, what is the discount, and does it matter if people bring the actual fleece they want to enter to the meeting. Bill will discuss this with Jana and Joe to have answers ready at the meeting.

Nomination Committee for OABA Board – Jeff

Jeff will work with Laura Lee to form a nominating committee. We need many new board members for next year.

Fleece shipped to Destin, Florida to help in clean up of oil spill – Jeff and Joe

Jeff was contacted to have people contribute alpaca fleece to make booms that could help soak up oil in the Destin, Florida area. He thought this was a good idea and organized the effort. When it came time to ship the truckload, there was confusion about who would pay the cost. Joe Osborn ended up paying for it out of his pocket. We asked the OABA members to contribute money for the effort, but only \$100 was collected. Any additional funds collected will be deposited in the OABA treasury. The board discussed if we should reimburse Joe for the \$2500.

Jeff moved to reimburse Joe Osborn for his funds expended to move fleece to Florida

Nora seconded the motion

Joe abstained from voting

The motion was approved.

OABA's June Quarterly Meeting – all

Louise Goebel, chair of the fiber committee, will send all info to Jeff for an email blast.

Char Johnson found a suitable tent company in Zanesville. They will charge us \$450 + tax to set up and tear down a tent and 50 chairs at Swisher Creek Farm.

We understand that the Southwest Co-op will attend.

Topics for member's meeting:

AlpacaFest

Fleece to Florida

Call for volunteers for committees

Treasurer's report

Call for people to run for office

Marketing

Strategy for dealing with the Humane Society of the US

Should we provide the OABA mailing list to other entities?

Request for \$250 from MOABA (Mid-Ohio Alpaca Breeders Assoc.) for the Richland County Fair

We discussed how this group has had an ongoing alpaca presence at the fair for many years. They would use the money to maintain the barn for the week of the fair.

Jeff moved to give \$250 from OABA treasury to MOABA for the maintenance of the barn at the Richland County Fair.

Joe seconded the motion

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 PM.

Marilyn seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanymously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Wentworth

OABA Secretary