

OABA Meeting Notes

Saturday 06/11/2011

Nora started the meeting at 12:07PM

Nora gave a brief introduction of the other board member present, Rick Johnson.

Rick shared the financial report which was as follows:

Checking Balance was \$25,485.00

Money Market was \$100,538.00 for a total balance of \$125,996.00 – Rick also shared that he had 5 to 10 renewals to process this week.

Nora shared updates on the Alpaca fest:

Nora shared that there would be some changes to the herd sire auction with some new updates coming soon. She did share that we would have a herd sire raffle. The place for this year's show will be in Springfield and the dates are 10/28, 29th and the 30th. The Judges will be Nick Harrington, Kristin Buhmann, Cathy Klay and Dave Barboza. Nora also shared that there would be a photo contest and passed out the unofficial version of the bulletin. – Char Johnson has volunteered to lead the photo contest initiative. Nora also made an early request for volunteers and asked people to contact Christopher Mulier who will be coordinating volunteers for the show.

Nora also reminded people that Laurel needs articles, photo's etc., for the magazine.

Nora reminded the membership that was present that dues are now due and expired in May.

Nora shared to the membership that the board and committee members would be using more E-mail blasts. It is a better way to keep in contact and is cheap and effective.

Nora reminded people about the web site and said that it was being kept up to date. She also reminded the membership of the benefits of membership and the web services available such as herd sire listings.

Nora gave a brief update on Alpacas United and that they were rapidly moving forward – They will be updating their site with more details on fiber and initiatives as well as upcoming events in the future.

Nora opened the floor for questions:

One member brought up the fact that he was in contact with AAA and wanted to know who the person is that AAA advertising should get in contact with for OABA advertising – Nora said she would be the contact.

One comment was made about two spaces that are reserved at the wool gathering at young dairy in September. The fiber committee was still discussing the best way to utilize the space we have available. There were some questions about what we could show at the fiber fest. It was stated that it would be the same rules as the OABA store for all Alpaca products.

There was another comment about the fiber fair on August 8th "The Mid-Ohio Fiber Fair". There were 30 slots for vender displays and all 30 are sold out.

With no more questions and comments, the meeting adjourned at 12:25PM