

NEAOBA Minutes of the Meeting  
February 29, 2004  
University of New Hampshire  
Morse Hall  
Durham NH

Officers Present:     Dave Sanderson, President  
                              Liz MacEachran, Vice President  
                              Bob Hebler, Treasurer  
                              Cindy St.George, Secretary  
                              Jerry Weisgrau, Director Membership

Call to Order- 11:05 AM

1. Secretaries Report: Exhibitor Meeting at the Big-E-a vote was taken to have NEAOBA take over the sponsorship of the alpaca show. Passed by unanimous vote.
2. Treasurers Report: No Formal at this time. 38 members had not renewed their dues and would be purged from the Web Site on 2/29/04 unless paid. List was circulated among those present.
3. Events Committee-Volunteers are essential to all events.
  - NEAF 2004- May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the NH Sheep and Wool Festival
  - No NEAF store each farm will do own sales from their own farm display. AOBA leads and NEAOBA members will all be contacted to participate.

BIG-E September 27, 2004 is check in. Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Show dates. Only 144 pens on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. Use of the early entry form is a must. Pen limits were suggested so more farms could attend but that may cut some sponsorship money from larger breeders. Members need to help sponsor all shows but it needs to be clear what they get for their sponsorship money. Maybe limit of four pens because need to split young and older males, female and then farm display. This will be an AOBA sanctioned show—now pending but we are guests of the BIG-E and our cooperation is essential and they rule in the venue.

TOPSFIELD FAIR – October 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004. There will be approximately 20 pens available and we have been invited back for 2<sup>nd</sup> year. We will run a small show with exhibition and performance classes. The fair may allow up to 40 pens in the latter part of the show do other breeders could come in late.

NEW ENGLAND COASTAL CLASSIC – The Pine Lands Equestrian Center has been booked in Maine. Peg Stephens is Show Super and currently negotiating for judges. 150-170 pens will be available. Sponsorships will be key so please step forward. Asked if any monies were available from the NEAOBA budget. Will also be applying for grant.

NORTH AMERICAN SHOW-Coming up in April. Remember that 100% of sponsorship money goes to the Alpaca Research Foundation.

HOLIDAY TOUR – Went very well despite the snowstorms. Any suggestions for next year will be appreciated.

NEW SHOW BOOK- Watch for it in the mail and read. New rules and regulations on trimming animals and color designation. Other changes also can be seen at [www.alpacashows.com](http://www.alpacashows.com)

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE-Two positions are available on the BOD. Jerry Weisgrau term is up and he will run again. Leslie Bacon has resigned and will be a three year term to fill. The committee will work on nominations to be voted on a annual meetingg

5. OTHER COMMITTEES-No reports

6. OTHER BUSINESS-

NEAF Newsletter – Nicola will do the next issue but really needs someone to step forward to take over. Her professional commitments limit her time to devote to this important news venue

WEB SITE- Al Maloney would like feedback and to solicit content to bring this up to date. If anyone is interesting in being on a committee or give input, it is welcomed.

STATE REP MEETINGS – These went very well in 2003 and a perfect time for new members to get acquainted with our association and members. It was suggested that evening meetings may work be better and the member consensus was yes.

STATE REPS AS FOLLOWS:

NH – John MacEachran

ME-Al Maloney

CT-Jim Mullen

RI – Jan Hansel

VT-Linda Ley

MA-Mike Tierney

Breeder Caution was given on the meningal worm and that farms may want to check with their vet about going to a 12 month vaccination of Ivermec. It was suggested that we may want to have and Tufts liaison for information or deal with the ICI to deal with Tufts. This type of information may be valuable to other breeders. Could send info the Dave Sanderson for the info group on yahoo. Also discussed the possible need for a Vet list for emergencies. It was agreed that just because names are listed it does not guarantee that they will respond or the Vet is taking new clients. Ohio State and Washington State remain as valuable resources.

NEW MEMBER PACKET- should be reinstated and perhaps have something each farm can use on web site with the member benefits. Contact Jerry with any suggestions at [neaboa@yahoogle.com](mailto:neaboa@yahoogle.com)

9. Adjourned: 1:00pm