

NEAOBA Minutes of the Meeting
Sunday January 12, 2003
Tufts University
N. Grafton, MA

Officers Present: Jim Mullen, President
Laura Busky, Treasurer
Cindy St.George, Secretary

1. **Call to order 11:15**
2. **Secretary's Report/Minutes:** A Motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2002 meeting held at Big-E Fairground. The motion was seconded and APPROVED.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Verbal Report was given by Laura Busky. Profit from NECC was \$12,000. This will be posted on NEAOBA website.
4. **New England Coastal Classic/NECC-Show** went very well. Only issue was not enough public attended, however, those who came were well qualified. Portland was too small for future expansion. Show booklets are still available for \$1.00 each. They will be also be available to NEAF.
 - 2003 Show Potential Sites
 - Boston Area-Shriners Auditorium-Walter VanBuskirk will get info
 - Hopkinton NH-new facility and Jim King will look into.
 - Need minimum of 40,000 sq. ft.
5. **Marketing Committee**-Dave Sanderson reported 1st phase Holiday Tour was done and next phase-news release will be requested shortly-to include publications like Newsweek and Wall Street Journal. Suggestion made to post events in on line calendar. NEAF will be the next focus. Tholen is checking on ROI by hiring a news clip service.
6. **New Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation:** All votes were counted from Proxy Cards and/or voting members that had not used proxy cards. Vote Passed by overwhelming majority. ByLaws: For 91, Against 4, No Vote 1. Articles: For 92, Against 2, No Vote 2.
7. **NEAF 2003** at Three County Fair Grounds May 3rd and 4th 2003. Erica Dwyer is working on and has committees forming. Discussion ensued as to where NEAF 2004 might be held.
8. **Newsletter Report**-Next issue will be for NEAF and tentative deadline is 4/1/03.
9. **Website Update**-Use more to publish events such as NEAF.
10. **Medical Research** – Discussion of where to send available monies. Possibilities were New England Animal & Health Institute/Dr. Purdy for study but felt would not be acceptable because only using two animals and won't be able to publish results; Dr. Anderson/Ohio State for West Nile Virus Study; Alpaca Research Foundation. MOTION was made to give ½ to Dr. Anderson and ½ to ARF. 25 in Favor and 2 Opposed. Motion carried. \$1000 Each for total of \$2000
11. **Nominating Committee**-need to appoint nominate new BOD for May meeting. Committee of Mike Tierney, Les Foshay and Peter Buckingham. Under new Bylaws, once BOD is elected they will appoint new officers.

12. **BIG-E UPDATE-SEPT 25-28.** Peg Stephens is show superintendent. Anthony Stachowski is one of judges. Kevin O'Leary looking for someone to take over-Roy St.George volunteered to work w/Kevin. Discussion as to NEAOBA taking over running of show instead of Big E.

13. Other Business:

-Tabled request for study of Hoof & Mouth. Each state should have own guidelines.

-NORTH AMERICAN ALPACA SHOW-April 3rd to 6th. Per Kevin O'Leary Maggie Krieger & Jude Anderson are Halter Judges. Nard Mullen is Fleece Judge.

Expect at least 500 animals. Many clinics going on and awaiting AOBA certification.

-NECC-Request made to be sure to research place & date of 2003-majority wants show

10. **Motion accepted to Adjourn at 12:55**