



MEETING OF NEAOBA BOARD MEMBERS

Feb. 17, 2021 Unofficial Meeting

Lennie Foss, Josh Stockton, Linda Hettrick,, Marc Worrell, Sarah Utterback Perez and Jon Phaneuf were in attendance. Keith Tetreault, Leslie Frank and Meghan Chryst were absent so no quorum was met.

Since no quorum was met, the secretary's minutes and treasurer's report could not be voted on.

2020 NEAOBA Fall Shows:

Although we do not have the treasurer's report, Lennie said that with the refund from the Big E, we pretty much broke even. Once we get the actual report, we will have the exact numbers..

2021 NEAOBA Fall Shows:

NEAOBA has secured the weekend of Nov. 19-21, 2021 for the 2 NEAOBA Fall shows. One will be the New England Coastal Classic and one will be the Green Mountain Fall Spectacular due to the fact that the NEAOBA Fall Spectacular is held at Showtacular. Diana Timmerman will judge the males and Stephanie Glyptis will judge the females. Walking Fleece or the new Fleece Show will be determined at a later date.

2021 Showtacular:

Showtacular will be held on Oct. 22-24, 2021 in Syracuse at the NY State Fairgrounds. The Showtacular committee is researching becoming a non-profit status involving a donation to either a vet school or some agriculture related charity. Each organization (NEAOBA and Empire) would get a percentage of the profits. It would also enable costs to be lowered for the exhibitors. Corporate sponsors would be necessary but due to the non-profit status, they would be allowed.

Membership booklet:

Linda, Sarah and Meghan have been working on the new Membership booklet getting ads and increasing membership. The deadline is Feb. 21, 2021 for both the ads and membership. At present, our membership is at 52 Farm members and 6 Associate members.

New Business:

- The USPS requires a \$245 cost every year and Non-Profits must send out a minimum of 200 pieces of mail at a time, so we would not benefit from this service.
- NEAOBA will be donating a regional basket for the Silent Auction to the Nationals. As of now, the basket has the lobsters, maple syrup, gourmet coffee and honey. A donation of wines and anything else would be appreciated.
- Sarah looked into Google meetings. They are similar to a Zoom platform. Meetings are free up to 60 minutes or \$6/month if a longer time is needed. A gmail account is necessary to schedule the meeting and an app will allow users

to join the meetings. Sarah and her husband did a trial run and said it was easy and a good connection. We will try to implement this next month.

- Our Face-to-Face meeting will be scheduled for April since the show system is starting and we need to find a date convenient for all.
- From what we understand, unfortunately the North American Alpaca Show will not be held this Spring.

Next meeting: March 17, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Important Upcoming Dates

AOA National Show: March 19-21, 2021
Face to Face meeting: March ?
Showtacular: Oct. 22-24, 2021
NEAOBA Fall Shows: Nov. 19-21, 2021