



MEETING OF NEAOBA BOARD MEMBERS

June 16, 2021

Lennie Foss, Linda Hettrick, Keith Tetreault, Josh Stockton, Marc Worrell, Sarah Utterback Perez, Leslie Frank and Jon Phaneuf were in attendance. Meghan Chryst was unavailable.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

The current treasurer's report was approved.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

2021 NEAOBA Fall Shows:

The Coastal Classic and Green Mountain Alpaca Shows will have a silent auction again, so Board members were encouraged to begin to secure donations. Next month at the July meeting, we will have lists for the Board members to sign up for the different jobs for the show: Hotel, check-in and color check, pen set up, Meet and Greet and meals. Since Meghan has experience with FFA and 4-H, Lennie nominated her to search out clubs that might help at check-in.

2021 Showtacular:

Don Tompkins will handle the registration again. The Sponsorship pricing list was set and emailed to each of us. There is a push to get corporate sponsors, too. A live auction will be held so it's time to start securing donations. A list of prior auction items was discussed to inform the new Board members of ideas. There will be food trucks available. There will be no fleece show, only walking fleece. There will also be a silent auction. And there will be no pipe and drape at Showtacular, just fencing.

Education:

Linda had sent out an email regarding a localized Fiber seminar for the end of the summer to include demos on fleece collection, skirting, picking and carding, spinning, what to do with your fiber. We posted on Facebook and through emails for volunteer host farms with no avail. Sarah offered her farm to host in MA, so we are beginning to find demonstrators. Lennie suggested a northern seminar, also. Profit is not the objection so it will be open to non-members as well as members at no cost or very small cost. Suggestions of Sally Whitlow, Ruth Fegela to demonstrate for fleece prep were made.

New Business:

The Big E was discussed again about display space, the TVs and flash drive video of our organization, banners and an email blast will go out to promote the alpaca show. Any Board member attending will set up and monitor the display.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Next meeting: July 14, 2021 @ 7:30

Important Upcoming Dates

National Alpaca Open Farm Days: Sept. 26-26, 2021

The Big E Alpaca Show: Oct. 1-3, 2021

Showtacular: Oct. 22-24, 2021

The Fiber Festival of New England: Nov. 6-7, 2021

NEAOBA Fall Shows: Nov. 19-21, 2021