



## MEETING OF NEAOBA BOARD MEMBERS

April 14, 2022

Lennie Foss, Linda Hettrick, Keith Tetreault,, Ruth Fegela, Joe Crocco, Sarah Utterback Perez , Tim Toth, Leslie Frank and Kristin Leffingwell were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's March report was accepted.

The Board would like to welcome Kristin Leffingwell who stepped in to fill the position of Pam Hall who resigned last month.

### **2021 Fall Shows:**

We still have not gotten the invoice from Judge Amanda VandenBosch.

### **2022 Showtacular:**

Empire chose to accept the contract and include NEAOBA in Showtacular for 2022. There will be a meeting next Monday, April 18. Discussions about having a fleece show are ongoing involving either a regular fleece show or the Innovative Assessment Fleece.

### **2022 NEAOBA Alpaca Summer Fest.**

The application form for vendors and alpaca pens is live. Pricing for double pen and vendor space is double cost of singles. Keith's email was added to the flyer. AOA will be contacted for advertisement. Ruthi will search for a food service truck. Lennie offered his wife's service to contact Cheryl Gehly about fleece skirting and Innovative Fleece education. The Fest committee will continue to meet separately.

### **Education:**

Dr. Cheryl DeWitt will teach a Neo-Natal Class on Sept. 10, 2022. We are in discussions with Mt. Wachusett Community College for space for the class. Until a location is definite, no information can go out to the membership.

### **Old Business:**

Maine Alpaca Association will be dispersing. They have contacted Lennie about options for NEAOBA to absorb their membership and all or part of their treasury. The Board has agreed to full membership for their 2022 paid members and to discount them on certain seminars this year.

Update on the NEAOBA basket donated to the National Show: NEAOBA's basket received a second highest bid of \$1000 at the auction.

There is still no new information on the Big E. If NEAOBA is involved in helping at the alpaca show, it must be AOA certified with an AOA superintendent.

**New Business:**

Proud Member signs were passed out at the North American Alpaca Show in Springfield. The rest of the signs will be mailed to the members not in attendance.

Linda will provide Leslie with the membership list for the past few years so she may mail invoices for membership to those not renewed yet.

Sarah will look into Google Meets for our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Next meeting: May 18, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Important Upcoming Dates**

NEAOBA Alpaca Summer Fest: July 9, 2022

Neo-Natal Seminar: Sept. 10, 2022

Showtacular: Oct. 29-30, 2022