



MEETING OF NEAOBA BOARD MEMBERS

Aug. 17, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's June report and July report were approved.

2022 Showtacular:

The Showtacular committee will meet next Monday night. Pen panels previously rented from Light Livestock have been sold and what was a \$5500 cost is now between \$85-9500. Danielle was contacted about the catering. Hotels are reserved. Don Tompkins is working with the registration form and website is handled by Terry Miller. The registration will go live the end of August. There was a judging conflict so Amanda VandenBosch stepped down and Diana Timmerman will judge along with Jude Anderson. Frauke Berman is the Fleece judge and Scott Young is the superintendent for both the halter and fleece shows. Ruthi Fegela is heading the Showbook planning. Ads are needed and everyone is asked to solicit for ads.

Education:

The Neo-Natal Seminar is approaching and has only 11 registrants, so far. Another final blast will go out to see if anyone else is interested. We are still searching for stillborn crias and will contact Lynn Edens, Julie Butler and Jen Lutz for any possibilities.

Lennie suggested planning for additional seminars with little or no cost to members. Some of the ideas included "skirting for show or processing", where we can contact Cheryl Gehly, who previously stated that she was disappointed with the fleeces which were sent in for the National Show and that there was room for improvement on the skirting process. Another suggestion was "breeding decisions" where possibly Jen Lutz or Lynn Edens could possibly explain the "Breed Up" concept to improve fleece and fiber quality. Zoom and taping of the class was discussed.

Old Business:

Maine Alpaca Association will be contacted about membership and email addresses.

New Business:

Elections are approaching. Ideally 6-7 candidates are wanted. The terms for Lennie Foss, Leslie Frank and Kristin Leffingwell are expiring at the end of the 2022 year.

Holiday Tour is also approaching. An October blast will remind members to sign up for this.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting: Sept. 21, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.

Important Upcoming Dates

Neo-Natal Seminar: Sept. 10, 2022
The Big E Alpaca Show: Oct. 1-2, 2022
Showtacular: Oct. 29-30, 2022
Holiday Tour: Nov. 26 – Dec. 18, 2022
Board Member Election