



## MEETING OF NEAOBA BOARD MEMBERS

July 20, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's June report was not voted on due to Leslie Frank's absence.

### **2022 Showtacular:**

The cost of the venue for Showtacular has dramatically increased. Set up day is also to be charged. Since Light Livestock has been sold and Jonathan no longer does pen panel set-up, the penpanels may be rented from 2 different farms that bought the pen panels from Jonathan thus increasing the cost for panels. The committee is still waiting for pricing for meals. Hotels and caterers are being researched with the Live Auction and Dinner in mind. Outside venues and caterers are suggested. Ruthi volunteered to work on the Showbook along with Sarah's help, although she needs pricing on advertisement before she can approach any businesses.

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

The Summer Fest seemed to be a success, especially with the public. As far as cost, it would appear that we broke even. Due to Leslie's absence, we cannot confirm this yet. There were 14 vendors and 3 alpaca farms supporting the Festival. The Round Hill Alpacas 4-H Club, Paca Pals, were superb in showcasing the obstacle course and also having fun with some of the races and games. We will send Randy Hall a thank you along with a complimentary Farm Membership for 2023. The ladies who demonstrated the fiber processing will get a thank you sent and a post on Facebook promoting their businesses. 2 vendors had to cancel and Keith asked about refunds. It was decided that if the farms ask for a refund, it would be provided, but if nothing is requested, no refund will be sent. The Board voted to hold the Summer Fest again next year and the venue is being held for us for July 8. A contract with more specific information on cancellation will be provided to all vendors. The need for at least another food truck was agreed on. Each Board member that attended made lists for advancement for next year.

### **Education:**

The Education Committee decided on the American Legion Hall in Baldwinville for the Neo-Natal Seminar. The cost is \$200. Based on the cost for Dr. DeWitt (\$2800 plus travel and textbooks) plus the cost of the Hall, the Board agreed upon Farm members cost to be \$225 with additional people from the same farm at \$175 and non-NEAOBA members cost at \$300 with additional people from the same farm at \$250. The registration form will be posted on our website and informational email blasts and social media posts will promote the event.

### **Old Business:**

No old business discussed.

### **New Business:**

No new business discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: August 17, 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