



## **MEETING OF NEAOBA BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Secretary Report**

**Meeting Date: 10-16-24**

**Call to Order by Linda at: 7:46 pm**

**Members in attendance:** Linda Hettrick, Kristin Leffingwell, Janice Ciskowski, Lennie Foss, Randy Hall

Members Unavailable: Ruth Fegela, Joe Crocco, Patty Fuller, Keith Tetreault

**Secretary Report** From 9-17-24 Received from Kristin and Approved

**Treasurer Report** From 9-17-24 Received from Lennie and Approved

### **New Business:**

#### **Holiday Tour**

The holiday tour will begin November 1

A post will be made for members to sign up for free

### **Old Business:**

#### **Membership**

#### **Elections**

Will be held the last two weeks of December

### Candidates

Amy from Harvard stated she was previously interested in joining NEAOBA Linda will be reaching out to her to see if she would like to run for a seat

Bill Bernhart of Chakana Sky Alpacas, was also previously interested

Jodie, who is boarding animals at Elf Paca Meadows has stated she would like to join the board

Discussion to change the bylaws

Several years ago there were seven board members, then it increased to nine board members. Would we like to leave it at nine or go back down to seven members?

Also discuss minimum amount of members to be able to hold a meeting

30 year NEAOBA Anniversary- free annual memberships will be offered to members, current, new, past members, 4-H, FFA, fibershed, alpaca and sheep and wool organizations.

Linda states Ruthie will do an email blast with a letter and membership link for free membership

### **Vermont sheep and wool**

Janice and Linda spoke with vendors about Alpacas and NEAOBA

Janice and Linda did demonstrations with spinning and carding

Approximately 40% up in attendance from last year

This year was international year of camelids

### **Trailer**

Lennie will take pictures and discuss selling it or what to do with the trailer. It is not registered and has not been registered for the past two years. Lennie reports the tires are in good condition.

**Showtacular:**

60 animals signed up

Snowmass will be in attendance

CasCadNac will not be attending

**Volunteers:**

Hotel accommodations will be reimbursed

Lennie and Sue: Wednesday through Sunday

Kristin and Brian: Thursday through Sunday

Linda: Thursday and Friday

**Donations:**

John Deere, M&D tractor- Lennie will be reaching out

Lennie will be donating to Alpaca Barn Quilts (handmade out of wood to look like quilts)  
one for inside one for outside

Glenngary minerals pamphlets are in

Linda reached out to useful llama and united ag turf with no response

Green llama cleaning supplies will make a donation- per Linda 's request

Connecticut wine Trail Linda reached out to them for a donation

No response from Valley vet, Jeffers Janice had reached out to both

Stillwater did not respond to Kristin 's request for sponsorship or donation (most likely due to them in the process of selling their company)

Poulin grain will be in attendance as a vendor and informational booth and donating an auction item. They will be reaching out to Scott to go over logistics.

### **Summerfest**

nothing to report at this time

### **Education**

Kristin and Randy suggested having a meeting and going over a list for 2025 educational seminars, zoom along with in person workshops. Figure out what we are doing for the 2025 year, so months don't get missed.

Linda said she has a list that she can go over with the educational committee

Educational committee meeting date. TBD

Next Meeting will be scheduled per Google Meet 11-20-24

**Adjourn Business Meeting** at: 8:10 pm