



## **MEETING OF NEAOBA BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Secretary Report**

**Meeting Date: 5-15-24**

**Call to Order by Linda at: 7:34 pm**

**Members in attendance:** Linda Hettrick, Kristin Leffingwell, Joe Crocco, Lennie Foss, Ruth Fegela, Randy Hall

Members Unavailable: Keith Tetreault, Janice Ciszkowski, Patty Fuller

**Secretary Report** From 4-17-24 Received from Kristin and Approved

**Treasurer Report** From 4-17-24 Received from Lennie and Approved

### **New Business:**

Membership fees

NEAOBA \$75

Empire \$80

Kristin suggested having an AOA & NEAOBA brochure made. Send to members to hand out at fairs and festivals, also give to Farm to hand out when selling Alpacas to new farms.

## **Ideas of what to do with funds NEAOBA has, the cloud to give back:**

NEAOBA Scholarship with stipulation that the recipient must be going or from New England to become a large animal vet.

NEAOBA run alpaca rescue. Rehabilitation, owners retiring or passed away and no longer being able to care for animals.

It would be a separate organization/ nonprofit

501 C3 vs 501 C5

NEAOBA currently has 501 C5

Corporation donations won't get deductions. They are not tax deductible or charitable donations. (They cannot be written off for tax purposes) 501 C3 can claim the donations that are made.

## **Old Business:**

Trailer at Lennie's farm:

Lennie will be getting inventory of what is in it mostly fleece boxes. Continue discussion what to do with the trailer and things in the trailer.

## **Showtacular:**

Meeting date, not set up at this time

Showtacular will be on the same date and venue at this time, particular members still looking a different location

Lennie states Maryland show had approximately 190 animals

Discussion about Large farms going to many shows and getting 8 to 9 pens, small farms, not getting many if any points. Further discussion about points, backfiring, and not affecting small farms that they had hoped

**Summerfest:**

3 food trucks

17 vendors

Demonstrators, exact number unknown since some vendors will be doing demonstrations at their booth

NEAOBA will have multiple tables:

Information booth

Tshirts for sale

Making nesting balls

Plus, the PacaPals 4-H meet and greet and answering questions, obstacles and games for observation

Linda will be setting up a Square account for people to be able to make payments with a credit card for T-shirts and nesting balls

Insurance at this time, it is unsure if it is all set, Sue called the insurance and needs to get confirmation. Linda will check with Keith and see if it is all set now.

Randy ordered T-shirts and will be paid once the invoice is received

Nesting balls, Kristin will bring 50 round and 50 star nesting balls and NEAOBA will reimburse her for them

## **Education:**

Shelley has not gotten back to Linda yet for a NEAFP zoom meeting

Dr Cheryl DeWitt will set up a neonatal class for next spring

Ruthie do a video chat, instructional video how to prepare fleece for a fleece show.

Discussion how to get farms to show their fleeces.

AOA is doing good with monthly zoom calls, upcoming are skirting fleece, and Alpaca 101

AOA had questions they would like NEAOBA members to answer and send Linda their responses.

How is AOA been most impactful?

If an enormous gift landed for AO, what should they do with it?

What will make AOA relevant in the future?

Next Meeting will be scheduled per Google Meet 6-19-24

**Adjourn Business Meeting** at:  
8:25 PM