



MEETING OF NEAOBA BOARD MEMBERS

Secretary Report

Meeting Date: 3-26-25

Call to Order by Lennie at: 7:34 pm

Members in attendance: Linda Hettrick, Kristin Leffingwell, Janice Ciskowski, Lennie Foss, Randy Hall, Amy Varrell, Jodie Taylor, Keith Tetreault

Members Unavailable:

Secretary Report Received from Kristin and Approved

Treasurer Report Received from Lennie and Approved

New Business:

The Big E is not AOA certified however it does have Alpaca competitions and shows and is great for the general public to observe.

Old Business: NA

Showtacular:

Randy questioned how much it cost for NEAOBA to put on Showtacular. Discussed if NEAOBA is making or losing money. Would be curious to see a breakdown of

expenses, cost for ribbons, panels, venue, food, and other fees. Went over account that is set up for deposit for a Showtacular. \$3000 from NEAOBA Empire and Northeast Alpaca Expo. Lennie will get more information and numbers from Empire.

Discussed if Showtacular should add 4-H with obstacle courses and costumes.

Discussion regarding other vendors to sell products that are not all Alpaca related.

PAOBA, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado has huge numbers. They do have kids showing and active boards.

Discussion about red barn that bought light livestock panels

Venue in Syracuse, New York has lowered the price for half the building and a 30% break.

If the numbers go down or the numbers do not increase this year, Pennsylvania and Maryland may move closer to New York or closer to New England possibly combine shows

Date for Showtacular October 24-26 2025

Bellweather Carolina show has high number of turnouts. Virginia 120+, Illinois 180 to 195, MAPACA 140+.

Three shows have moved their dates.

Nationals show numbers are down. 2026 and for the next three years nationals will be held in Fort Wayne, where there is a larger turnout and profit is higher.

Discussion on showing at nationals and at Alpaca shows. The Small, medium and large farms have separate sections in the shows then compete later for their fiber.

Summerfest

Six vendors

Three demonstrators

Two food trucks

Education

Dr Purdys educational seminar went well. Very interesting and informative. A few people report they could not join the meeting.

Randy's 4-H meeting will be 3-27-25

Dr. Cheryl Dewitt will have her neonatal seminar April 12 so far seven have signed up 2 to 3 more are thought to be signing up soon. Keith is reaching out and reminding Vet students to sign up.

Next Meeting will be scheduled Saturday, April 19 at 12 o'clock at nine dragons Brooke Casino in New Hampshire

Adjourn Business Meeting at: 8:51 pm