

RMLA Board Minutes – March 14, 2012

- I Call meeting to order at 6:33 MDT. Determine a Quorum. Present were Dick, Lougene, Jerry and Ann. Geri Rutledge excused, Lougene had Geri Rutledge's Proxy.
- II Minutes from last meeting – February 8, 2011 were approved by e-mail vote and were posted to website the following week. An e-mail was sent to members bringing their attention to the posting.
- III Treasurer's report. Current balances of all accounts are \$73,972.11. Motion: To accept the treasury report as presented. Motion by Dick. 2nd by Jerry. Motion passed. Ann reported that she has reminded fiber event chair/members the treasury should pay for upfront fees such as registration and space fees rather than members being reimbursed after the fact – makes expenses easier to track and is more accountable.
- V Committee Reports –

Bookstore – Ann. Lougene received an e-mail from the printer of CFL&A offering to sell the print over-run copies at a discount. The quality will be equal to the original order. The Bookstore checking account balance is large enough to pay for the additional copies without using production savings. Motion: Buy 150 bound copies of CFL&A at the reduced rate of \$6.00 per book. Motion by Jerry, 2nd by Ann. Motion passed.

The bank is charging the Bookstore \$29 per month for credit charge charges. Now that PayPal is available for purchases may, the credit card machine is no longer necessary. The Bookstore will continue to accept checks or money orders in addition to PayPal. Motion: Cancel the Bookstore credit card machine with the bank. Motion by Jerry. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed.

Bylaws – Lougene. Committee has not received any suggestions for Bylaws changes.

Calendar - Geri. Patti Morgan reported the 2012 calendars are basically sold. The 2011 made a profit. The few extra 2012 calendars are being used as promo/giveaways. Will be making a call for photos right away.

Education – Jerry. – No report

Events/Marketing – Jerry. Insurance Associates of Estes sent a form to be completed that is attached to the liability policy. Jerry reported the correct information has been sent to their office. Proof of Insurance is not required for all RMLA events and will only be request when appropriate.

Fiber - Geri. – For the Fiber Co-op, Patti reported volunteers are lined up for the fiber event in Castle Rock. Sandy Lockwood and Sandy Nolan will be managers and will haul trailer to the event. The registration fee for the event is \$20. Managers and volunteers are also lined up for the Commercial space at the Estes Park Wool Market, Fairplay Race weekend the Taos Wool event. The EPWM registration fee was discussed. What was \$100 about 15 years ago is now \$350. RMLA will sponsor the registration but not the overall market. Mary Wickman has volunteered to pull the Fiber inventory trailer at no cost to the Fiber Committee. Thanks to Mary! Motion: Pay EPWM \$350 for commercial space for Fiber Co-op during Wool Market. Motion by Jerry. 2nd by Ann. Motion passed.

A discussion was held about Fiber events. The Board voiced that it is uncomfortable about approving fiber shows without more information concerning booth costs and other expenses. A simple form will be developed that will be completed by the Committee when submitting a request for an event. The form will be similar to a budget and only contain a few questions about registration/space costs, trailer pulling costs, dates, place and any other added expenses. Then the Board will have all the information it needs to make a sound decision for the request.

Jerry will contact Geri about inventory storage in trailer. Moisture has gotten into some of the fiber. It is suggested that all fiber is stored in containers with snap down lids. The inside ceiling vent handle is not functioning well. Jerry will pull trailer to be repaired. Motion: Approve up to \$50 to repair trailer roof vent. Motion by Dick. 2nd by Ann. Motion Passed.

Government Relations – Ann. Teri Baird reported Camelids have been exempted from the Preposed Final Rule by USDA APHIS because it has been determined Camelids are not a risk. Teri will assimilate the information in the rather large report and submit to the Journal.

Journal - Lougene. The Journal will be sent to printer this week. See more in publishing.

Library- Dick - 4 DVD's were sent for an event in Nebraska. All check outs are in.

Membership- Ann Barb Hance reported the membership renewal forms & the Service Directory ad invitations for 2012/2013 were mailed 1st class on February 27, 2012 (excluding those few members who have already renewed). Most members should have them by March 1. I also sent messages to the 13 members, who are new or renewed, with the Service Directory ad invitation attached. We finished the 2011/12 membership year with: 4 Young Adult members; 20 Youth Members; 26 Life Memberships; & 125 regular Adult Memberships. Seven memberships were paid through PayPal on www.rmla.com. A list of new members will be in Journal.

Nominations and Elections – Geri. It is time to start planning for 2012 election.

Pack – Dick. A Midwest Llama Packing Festival in La Farge WI is scheduled for September. Will have more info next week. It is a new group of packers who will focus on basic pack trials. They are enthusiastic to get packing going in their area. More information soon on this event.

Publications Coordinator - Lougene. Using the printer in Montana for the Journal was a stop-gap decision until another printer could be found that had reasonable, competitive print prices and was close to the Journal staff. The Journal will be moved to a new printer in Castle Rock, CO. This will be closer to the Editor to coordinate printing, eliminate UPS shipping of the Journal from printer to bulk mail location. Left over Journals will no longer be shipped to the Membership Committee but will be delivered by a volunteer. RMLA is obtaining a bulk mail permit to mail not only the Journal but the membership directory as well as other mass mailings.

Website – Lougene. - Ron has designed a new 'communications platform' to communicate with members. As events or other items are posted or changed on the website, e-mails will bring members attention to the website and changes.

Youth and 4H - Geri - Brianna Livingood Cozzetto has agreed to assume Chair of the combined Youth & 4H Committee. In her plans for the year she hopes to have an educational clinic for all youth and work with Colorado Extension to develop a better record book for 4H. An article has been submitted to the Journal editor for publication in the next Journal containing more information of the goals set by the committee. The 2012 Application for Rocky Mountain Llama Youth Award letters have been mailed. The list of eligible youth was emailed to Dick along with the History of the past winners.

V. Old Business: Discussed in Committees

VI New Business –

An E-mail Voting record – Motion: Make the following motions approved by e-mail since the previous Board meeting a matter of permanent record. Motion made by Dick 2nd by Jerry. Motion passed.

1. Motion: Accept the RMLA Board Meeting minutes of February 8, 2011. Motion by Lougene. 2nd by Jerry. Motion passed 2/14/2012.
2. Motion: Pay invoice in the amount of \$3,428.00 to Insurance Associates of Estes for (1) RMLA General Liability policy #NN104671 (\$2,575.00) and (2) RMLA Directors and Officers policy #ALT63715 (863.00). Motion by Ann. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed 2//27/2012
3. Motion: Approve Fiber Festival and Youth Show hosted by Hummers 4H Club, Kiowa, CO, and March 18, 2012. Motion by Jerry. 2nd by Geri Motion passed 2/29/2012
4. Motion: The Fiber Co-op will have a sales booth at the Fiber Show in Castle Rock, Colorado March17, and 2012 date please. Motion by Geri. 2nd by Jerry. Motion passed 2/29/2012.
5. MOTION: Reimburse Dick 352.33 for expenses paid by Dick for the Winter Journal. The breakdown is: printing 215 copies \$200.21, UPS Journal to Dick \$40.00, Journal postage \$99.58 and \$12.54 shipping residual to Barbara Hance and Membership Committee. Motion by Lougene 2nd by Ann. Motion passed 3/10/2012.
6. Motion: Reimburse Jill Knuckles \$55.00 for RMLA membership in Mountain and Valley Wool Assn and booth fees for Taos 2012 for \$300.00 for a total of \$355.00. Motion by Ann. 2nd by Geri. Motion passed 3/11/2012.

Next meeting date. April 11, 2012.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Dick. 2nd by Jerry. Motion passed.