

Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes- March 2, 2017- 6:30 PM MST

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm MST. A quorum was met. Present were - Lougene Baird, Dick Williams, and Geri Rutledge. Jeanne Williams was excused as she was called into the hospital to work and left proxies and votes for all motions with Lougene.

Bookstore General Op	\$	620.72
CFL&A Production Savings		4,059.60
Corporate General Op		6,071.58
Credit Card depo acct/Fiber sales		68.51
Insurance Reserves		6,346.94
Life Member Reserves		4,773.00
Liquid Asset		20,264.18
Marketing/Research Reserves		6,877.15
Premier Time Savings		23,677.18
Youth Reserves		1,004.06

TOTAL CASH \$ 73,762.92 As of February 27, 2017

Treasurers report:

Bookkeeper report from Marilyn Arnold reporting the income and expenses for February have been sent to the Board for review.

MOTION: Accept the treasury reports as submitted. Motion by Lougene, second by Dick - carried.

Financial reports were forwarded to the BOD for review.

Secretary Report. The minutes for the January Board Meeting were reviewed, approved and posted to RMLA.com.

Committee reports

Bookstore - Lougene Baird- Liaison. Marilyn (bookkeeper) has converted Bookstore accounting to a new edition of QuickBooks and conferenced with the RMLA CPA on changes to be made. Ron has confirmed inventory. Missing 20+ Youth Manual which seem to be in the Fiber Co-op trailer. Have an order for all copies in inventory but cannot fill until that inventory is returned from trailer. The YM reprint was discussed.

Bylaws - Dick Williams - Lougene and Dick will schedule a phone conference to discuss possible By-Law changes to be submitted to the membership for vote.

Calendar- Geri Rutledge - Lisa Blider, Chair -Work is ongoing to produce 2018 calendar.

E-C ommunications-Lougene Baird and Beau Baty, Co-Liaison. Ron Hinds, Chair.

E-blast - all pending eblasts have been sent to members.

Website - RMLA.com membership information is being updated

Facebook- info on Facebook is the same as that posted in e-blasts to the membership.

Education-Jeannie Williams. Mary Vavrina, Chair.

Events/Marketing - Dick Williams. Mary Wickman, Chair. All events approved and posted to the calendar.

ongoing. Discussed the need to receive monthly progress updates from Jeff & Kelvin.

Fiber- Geri Rutledge - Liaison. Cheryl Juntilla and Jill Knuckles, Co-chairs
Discuss reimbursement of pre-payment of Salida to Jill Knuckles.
Discuss approval of Salida event.

Motion: Approve the RMLA fiber Co-op Booth at the 2017 Salida Fiber Fest in Salida, CO. Motion by Geri, 2nd by Lougene. Approved.

Motion: Approve reimbursing Jill Knuckles \$225 for registration fees for the Salida Fiber Fest Booth. Motion by Geri, 2nd by Dick. Approved.

Finance - Geri Rutledge - Liaison. Marilyn Arnold, Chair

Journal - Lougene Baird - Liaison. Kathy Stanko and Ron Hinds, co-Editors. The Journal is being proofed. The spring issue will be 36 very full pages. Several articles are already in place for the summer Journal and staff may ask to print 36 pages.

MOTION: Print 75 copies of the Journal to be use for distribution at events. Charge the extra printing costs to advertising. Motion by Dick 2nd by Geri. Motion passed.

Library- Dick Williams. - Five DVD's and one book are out on loan. All other Library material is present and correct.

Membership- Dick Williams, Chair. Currently RMLA has 173 memberships totaling 263 members and are as follows - Life Memberships - 28 (44 members), Youth Members -19, Honorary Members -17, Annual Memberships -109 (183 members).

The annual renewal notices went out in mid-January and we received forty-eight (48) applications for membership in January (20 more than in 2016). We have received twenty-one (21) applications so far in February. Of these sixty-nine applications fourteen (14) are new applications for nineteen (19) new members. These numbers are noticeably ahead of last year's totals.

Nominations and Elections - Beau Baty-Liaison. Christina Abel, Chair. Discuss the election schedule and e-blast dates. Set June 15th as the deadline for nominations for the two Board positions up for election. July 13th for mailing ballots and August 4th for return of ballots. Notices to be sent to the membership on 3/15, 4/15 and 5/15. Election will be for two (2), three year terms for positions presently held by Geri Rutledge and Dick Williams.

Pack- Beau Baty-Liaison. Susi Hulsmeyer-Sinay, Chair. The Committee has contributed its committed contribution for the spring Journal.

Youth and 4-H - Geri Rutledge - Liaison - Marshal Rutledge, Chair. Received a proof copy of the center spread for the Journal. Christian & Malachi Abel have been advised they won, two girl winners do not know. Their mom did a photo shop of me handing their awards to them. The awards for the girls will actually be given on April 29th. Hopefully, their mom will keep this secret!

We would like to expand the YAP points to include: 1. offer double points for Essays and Media for March and April. 2. At the end of the school year, includes FFA days for points. 3. Add 100 points for any YAP RMLA youth that attends Fairplay and volunteers 6 hours? The BOD agrees with the committee's decision. All changes to the YAP will be changed on rmla.com.

II. Old Business - None

III. New Business

matter of permanent record. Motion by Dick. 2nd by Geri. Motion Passed.

1. MOTION: Approve Fiber Co-op booth fee of \$300 for space in the 2017 EPWM Commercial area. Motion by Geri. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed February 1, 2017.
 2. MOTION: Approve the Grand Mesa & Kokopelli Classics (shows) as a returning RMLA sponsored event to be held on May 20, 2017, in Grand Junction CO, organized by Cheryl Juntilla with Wally Juntilla as alternate organizer. Motion by Beau. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed February 1, 2017.
 3. MOTION: Approve Minutes for the January 17, 2016, Board Meeting: Motion by Geri. 2nd by Beau. Motion passed February 4, 2017. Motion by Lougene. 2nd by Jean. Motion passed February 7, 2017.
 4. MOTION: Approve Higher Ground Fair Llama and Alpaca Performance and Fleece Show to be held September 23rd and 24, 2017, at the Albany County Fairgrounds, Laramie, WY as a returning RMLA event organized by Gayle Woodsum with Mary Wickman as alternate. Motion by Lougene. 2nd by Jean. Motion passed February 7, 2017.
 5. MOTION: Approve the 2017 Fairplay Event to be held on July 29 in Fairplay Colorado with the organizer and backup organizer to be announced. Motion by Geri. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed February 10, 2017.
 6. MOTION: Approve Jeff Sandberg and Kelvin Eldridge as Co-Chairs of the Fairplay Event Committee and Director Beau Baty as Liaison. Motion by Lougene. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed February 19, 2017.
 7. MOTION: Approve the release of the "Fairplay is a go!" and "2018 RMLA Calendar" to be sent to members. Motion by Dick. 2nd by Lougene. Motion passed February 19, 2017.
 8. MOTION: Reimburse Dick Williams \$186.13 for expenses incurred on behalf of the Library (\$13.45 postage), the Bylaws Committee for the Special Ballot (\$5.00 for supplies - address labels and \$6.45 postage), the Membership Committee for renewals and other items (\$51.99 postage, \$75.54 supplies and \$33.70 for printing). Motion by Lougene. 2nd by Beau. Motion passed February 21, 2017.
 9. MOTION: Approve the 2017 Estes Park Wool Market to be held in Estes Park CO at the fairgrounds on June 11 and June 12, organized by Jill Knuckles with Karen Schwartz as alternate organizer, as a returning RMLA event. Motion by Dick. 2nd by Beau. Motion passed February 21, 2017.
- B. Insurance. All insurance policies have undergone a review.

1. Motion: Pay Allied General Agency invoice in the amount of \$2,426.37 for General Liability, Property, Surplus Lines Tax and Policy Fee. Transfer same amount from the Insurance Reserve savings account to General Operations account. Motion by Lougene, 2nd by Geri- Approved.

VII. Motion to close meeting. Motion by Lougene, 2nd by Geri. Meeting closed at 7:13 pm MST.

☞ RMLA Board may convene in Executive Session to discuss items on this agenda, personnel matters or consult with its legal accounting counsel.