

- I. Call meeting to order at 6:33pm. Determine quorum. Present were Lougene Baird, Ann Bruhn, Jerry Dunn, Linda Hays, Geri Rutledge.
- II. Minutes from February 20, 2013 meeting were approved by e-mail vote and were posted to RMLA.com./BOD minutes.
- III. Treasurer's Report. Current balances are as of April 12, 2013. All invoices received have not been paid. All FirstBank accounts cycle on the last day of each month. All previous month's accounts have been reconciled. The Fiber e-square account has been adjusted to reflect cash reserves from 2012 events. The seed money to open the e-square account has been returned to General Operations. The large expenditure since the February report was the payment for RMLA Liability Insurance, Directors and Officers and Inland Marine/loss of property premiums.

The fees for the RMLA Commercial Credit Card averaged about \$400 annually. This was to maintain a commercial account and is charged regardless of use by RMLA. Additionally, when RMLA takes a credit card payment an additional fee of approximately 2.8% of the charged amount is added to the monthly fee. In 2012, only a hand full of members elected to pay membership renewal with a credit card. In the last two years, RMLA has paid approximately \$800 fees for the commercial account. The change to PayPal appears to be more beneficial to RMLA and members at this time. Conclusion is to close the Commercial account to conserve funds.

Motion by Linda Hays to close the Commercial Credit Card account for the RMLA General Operations account at First Bank, second by Geri Rutledge. Approved.

Motion by Jerry Dunn to accept Treasurer report as presented, second by Linda Hays, Approved.

The Fiber Co-op has used the eSquare account for over a year and is successful with this. The account was approved for one year to observe how well it has served RMLA and the Fiber Co-op.

Motion by Jerry Dunn to continue the use of the eSquare account for use by the Fiber Co-op until further notice, second by Linda Hays. Approved.

Bookstore General Op	\$ 2,626.87
CFL&A Production Savings	11,433.41
Corporate General Op	3,626.86
Fiber Co-op E-square	453.76
Life Member Reserves	4,806.49
Liquid Asset	20,194.50
Research Marketing	1,271.32
Research Medical	5,712.62
Premier Time Savings	<u>22,638.15</u>
TOTAL CASH	\$ 72,831.09

Held in trust by RMLA Board and not included in Total Cash Assets  
Llama Legal Defense Fund \$2,680.04

- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Bookstore – Ann Bruhn, Liaison. The Bookstore accounting was sent to the Treasurer and all is up-to-date. Royalties to the authors were paid.
  - B. Bylaws – Lougene Baird, Chair. – This continues under review for changes if needed.

- C. Calendar – Linda Hayes, Liaison – An article was sent to the Journal announcing Theresa and Luke Bakkan as the new Co-Chairs. The new co-chairs already have some great ideas, we welcome their enthusiasm.
- D. Education – Linda Hayes, Liaison. Discussion will continue with The Alpaca breeders of the Rockies to possibly host an Education Event in 2013 or 2014. The event will need to break even so the planning committee needs to be diligent about expense and attendance.
- E. Events/Marketing – Jerry Dunn, Liaison. The Calendar is up on the website so all the members can see the events up and coming. Next event is Geri Rutledge Waco NE, where six new llama families have joined and will be showing for the first time. We like to see the new families and children.
- F. Fiber – Geri Rutledge, Liaison. Patti Morgan, Chair. The events are approved for 2013. The trailer needs some work and that will get worked on this summer.
- G. Finance – Ann Bruhn, Liaison. Marilyn Arnold, Chair. Things remain the same at this time.
- H. Journal – Lougene Baird, Liaison. Sue Grimm, Chair. The delivery of Sue's new computer was not delivered in time for the Spring edition. Most of the layout for the Spring issue was lost as her computer failed. Lougene simultaneously lost her graphic/screen and could not see the partial proof for the Spring issue. Once the two computer issues were solved Sue and Lougene worked to reconstruct the Journal. The Journal was mailed last week. Sue will be undergoing double knee replacement surgery later this month. Sue purchased new hardware/software at her own expense with no expense to RMLA. And, this is appreciated. Also want to thank Mazuri Feeds for their continued support for another year of full page ads. And also thanks to all members who have supported the Journal with new ads and new copy.

Motion by Linda Hays to Pay PJ Printing Broker \$571.01 for printing the Spring Journal, second by Jerry Dunn. Approved.

- I. Library – Jerry Dunn, Liaison. Dick Williams, Chair. There are currently 5 DVD's (copies) out on loan to a member. All other material is present and correct.
- J. Membership – Ann Bruhn. Dick Williams, Chair. RMLA Committee – The current list of members (as of April 5) has been forwarded to Ron Hinds for the web site and to Jane Levene for the Membership Directory. A list of Annual Members expressing interest in working with the various committees has been sent to each committee chair and copies to the President. We have fifty annual members who have not renewed as of yet – this list was also sent to Lougene. Current membership stands at Life Members - 28, Honorary - 20, Youth - 4, Young Adult - 3, and Annual 87. This is time to review the Honorary members, and see if they are still active and should be included in the 20132 Directory.
- K. Nominations – Geri Rutledge – Liaison. Maggie Merrill-Brown, Chair. This information will be put out on the website with the dates for elections. The Journal coming out will have a call for nominations. Jerry Dunn and Geri Rutledge have announced retirement, so their positions will be up this year.
- L. Pack – Jerry Dunn, Liaison. Dick Williams, Chair. Jeanne and Dick Williams are still working to get a llama packing program included in the BOW (Becoming an Outdoors Women) program for the Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Still waiting approval, but no one thinks it will be a problem. The next set of presentations is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and we hope to be part of that event.
- M. Publications Coordinator – Lougene Baird. The bid for printing the Journal and the Membership Directory will remain the same per copy as last year. The Membership Directory should be ready to proof by 4/26. Any corrections will be made and then the book will be printed. This year the Directories will be sent using the RMLA Bulk Mail Permit. All Board members are playing a role in updating the Directory.
- N. Rescue – Linda Hayes, Liaison. Olin Allan, Chair. Four RMLA members expressed an interest in being on the Rescue Committee when they renewed their memberships. They are from Arizona,

New Mexico and two from CO. These names were sent to the Chair who will contact each and let them become part of the committee and perhaps use them in some way in the future.

- O. Website – Lougene Baird, Liaison. Ron Hinds, Chair. The list of renewing members is on the web. A new program has been worked for the web electronic Service Directory. Pending review by the Board and any corrections made, the invitation will be sent to members for subscription to the new and improved advertising on RMLA.com.
- P. Youth and 4H – Geri Rutledge, Liaison. Briana will be the Chair for the RMLA Youth Award Entries, she is aware of the deadline and her address has been added to the application.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- A. Record of e-mail voting since the last Board meeting. MOTION: Make the following motions approved by e-mail since the close of the last meeting a matter of permanent record. Motion by Jerry Dunn, second by Ann Bruhn's. Approved
  - 1. Motion: Approve minutes of the February 20, 2013 meeting and post to RMLA.com. Motion by Linda, 2nd by Jerry. Motion passed February 28, 2013.
  - 2. Motion: Pay Insurance Associates of Estes invoice in the amount of \$3,490 for General Liability Policy (\$2575) and Directors and Officers Liability (\$915). Motion by Ann. 2nd by Linda. Motion passed March 6, 2013.
  - 3. Motion: Reimburse Jill Knuckles for Taos Wool Market prepayment of registration in the amount of \$355 for Mountain and Valley Wool Association annual dues of \$55, Taos Wool Market award contribution of \$25 and Taos vendor space of \$275. Motion by Ann. 2nd by Linda. Motion passed March 6, 2013.
  - 4. Motion: Pay registration for the Salida Wool Festival in the amount of \$350.00. Motion by Ann. 2nd by Linda, Motion passed March 6, 2013.
- B. Election – Geri Rutledge will post the dates for elections, this will go on Website.
- C. Annual Meeting – Discuss some ideas; we have been doing the meeting along with the LOCC Show on Labor Day Weekend. Is there interest to change to another date and hold an Education Day along with that. More discussion to follow and we ask the members to share thoughts, ideas.
- D. A request was received to sponsor a belt buckle award from Jefferson County CO. Motion by Jerry Dunn that RMLA not make a donation to the Jefferson County CO event due to the limited amount of youth. Second by Linda Hays. Approved.
- E. Motion by Jerry Dunn to close the meeting at 7:49pm, Ann Bruhn's seconds. Approved.

NEXT MEETING DATES

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013