

## **Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association, Inc.**

### **Board of Director's Minutes - May 16<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Present: Lougene Baird, Dick Williams, Geri Rutledge, Ann Bruhn. Excused Jerry Dunn  
Jerry Dunn gave Proxy vote to Lougene and copied to Geri prior to meeting.

- I Call meeting to order at 6:38 MDT. Determine a Quorum.
- II Minutes from last meeting – April 18, 2011 were approved by e-mail vote and were posted to website. An e-mail was sent to members bringing their attention to the posting.
- III Treasurer's report – Ann Bruhn. Prior to the meeting the financial report was sent to all BOD members by email. Discussion about general operations. All bills are currently paid.

It is time for elections; current membership is 59 single, 93 double so for the elections Ann will purchase stamps and mail to Geri. Lougene Baird motions that RMLA purchase \$72.00 in postage stamps for the 2012 election and ballot mailing, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Williams, motion passed.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts have been a success for orders. Thanks to Brianna Cozzetto for getting this project off the ground and managing the orders. Ann Bruhn motions to pay \$636.88 to Brianna Cozzetta for reimbursement of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Geri Rutledge, motion passed.

There will be a second bill coming in from Brianna Cozzetta once the shipping is complete. Lougene Baird motions to reimburse Brianna Cozzetta for postage once the invoice is received, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Williams, motion passed.

IRS tax filing for RMLA was completed and mailed before the tax deadline. General operations will be used to pay the accountant for the services. Dick Williams motions to pay Linda Easton \$373.00 for 2011 tax preparations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Bruhn, motion passed. Ann will notify the Bookstore of the accounting fees for tax preparation for their records and payment.

Dick Williams motions to accept treasurer report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Geri Rutledge, motion passed.

#### **V Committee Reports –**

Bookstore – Ann/Lougene. The bookstore had shipped 179 First Edition of the third printing for Caring for Llamas an Alpacas. To date, no orders to the Bookstore have been placed using the PayPal feature on the website. All 1,500 copies of CFL&A have been delivered. The extra discounted copies are still in the bindery to be delivered.

Calendar - Geri. Patti Morgan and her daughter Lindsey are in the process of putting the 2013 Calendar together. Photos have been great, lots of good choices.

Events/Marketing – Jerry. RMLA will purchase Liability signs from Patti Morgan and signs will be delivered at Grand Junction Show with the invoice. The estimated cost to replace the lost or damaged signs was for \$10 per sign.

Finance Committee - Ann/Marilyn Arnold. No report

Fiber-Geri – Patti Morgan. The report on the Sharon Beacham Award was not covered in the February agenda and minutes. It is as follows. Patti Morgan reported in February details on the Sharon Beacham Memorial Fiber Award. The following are the guidelines for the Sharon Beacham Memorial Fiber Award: It will be an annual award, presented at the EPWM Llama Fiber Show. The award will be given to the winner of the Best of Show in all fiber at the Show. The winner will receive \$100 cash from RMLA, an 18" x 24" banner from Patti Morgan, and their name on an eternal plaque from the committee. The award will be called the Sharon Beacham Memorial Fiber Award. If for some reason, the EPWM discontinues the fiber show, then a committee will be formed to find another show at which to present the award. The award committee consisted of Patti Morgan, Teri Baird, Geri Rutledge, Karen Kinyon and Cheryl Juntilla. \* The \$100 Award was approved by the current board for 2012. In following years the standing BOD will need to vote on cash awards based on the yearly budget, with projected expense and income.

Government Relations –Ann. No report or current action. Dick Williams motions to have the committee go inactive until further action is needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lougene Baird, motion passed.

Journal - Lougene. Sue is working on the Summer issue. Please submit any article you may have. The emphasis of this summer Journal will be the RMLA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so please encourage other to submit photos and stories.

Library- Dick - Four DVD's are out on loan, all other material present and correct. Discussion again about the preservation of the Library and modern usage of CD versus the VHS tapes. Dick will continue to look into some avenues to copy our Library history and put into CD form to allow us to keep our archives and remain useful to members. We just need to be mindful of any copyright laws when we transfer materials.

Membership- Ann Currently 140 members, have had 5 renewals in the past month, most the 2012 Membership dues were in by the end of March.

Nominations and Elections – Geri We will have two Board Positions open in 2012, those belong to Lougene Baird and Dick Williams. Actual Officer Positions are chosen after the new board members are brought in. A call for elections has been drawn up and will be going out on email blasts. Deadline for call for nominations is May 31<sup>st</sup>, sent to Geri Rutledge. This will allow the ballot and mailing to go out by June 5<sup>th</sup>, return date of June 25<sup>th</sup> and plan to announce by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Pack - Dick Midwest Llama Packing Festival, note these are not RMLA sponsored events but they are educational and llama related.

1. Two upcoming pack gatherings – Midwest Llama Packing Festival, September 8 & 9 Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center - Hwy 131 N., La Farge, WI. Info at [www.midwestllamapacking.com](http://www.midwestllamapacking.com).
2. Backcountry Llama Rendezvous and Drive-in June 22 – 24 - Tillamook, OR Info at <http://rattlesnakeridgeranch.com> (click 'events')

Publication Coordinator– Lougene. The final Membership Directory is coming along; Lougene continues to work with Jane Lavene it should be in the final process soon.

Website – Lougene. Ron Hinds is working on placing the RMLA Bylaws on the website in a secure location available only to members.

Youth and 4H – Geri. Youth award. Dick advised the buckle is due to be delivered around the end of the month and the award certificate is ready. Dick then shared the US Treasury has a

new process for sending and receiving US Savings bonds, these are now electronic and require accounts and passwords. RMLA has spent \$50 on the \$100 savings bond, as it needs 8 years to mature from the \$50 to the \$100 amount. The Youth is not aware that they are the recipient of this award until announced at public event, so this process to order a savings bond is no longer user friendly for purposes of this award. Based on that information the BOD will need to change the way the award is offered. Dick Williams motions to send youth recipient \$50 check from RMLA to use as they need, second by Ann Bruhn motion passed. This committee work is being transferred from Dick Williams to Brianna Cozzetta. The BOD will communicate with Brianna that she is able to revise the criteria, or suggest changes in the course of the next year while she is the lead liaison with our youth. If she has designs alternative criteria, Brianna can bring this information back to the BOD for approval before mailing 2013 youth applications.

V. Old Business: We continue to make plans for the annual meeting – 30th anniversary celebration. The BOD is looking at a meeting room at the fairgrounds or possibly in the host hotel. Members are encouraged to attend this yearly event. We do need to remind participants that they must be an RMLA to motion and vote at the annual meeting.

VI New Business –

A 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 Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lougene Baird motion passed.

1. Motion: Purpose is to correct omission and clarify: support the 2012 Sharon Beacham Fiber Award. RMLA contribution will be limited to \$100. The Committee will announce the winner at the 2012 Estes Park Wool Market event. A check will be mailed to the winner within ten (10) days after the award is announced. Motion by Lougene Baird, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Geri Rutledge motion passed.

B. Lougene will request Ron Hinds will send email blasts to the membership soliciting those interested in running for the Board. The dates for nomination, mailings and announcement will be included.

Next meeting dates. June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Aug Annual Meeting.

Dick Williams motions to adjourn meeting at 7:41 MT, Ann Bruhn seconds, motion passed.