

Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting April 15, 2015 - 6:30 PM RMT

The meeting was called to order at 6:44pm RMDT. A quorum was met. Present were Lougene Baird, Dick Williams, Linda Hayes, Geri Rutledge. Brent Holt excused.

Treasurer's Report.

Bookstore General Op	\$	1,106.21	
CFL&A Production Savings		11,444.88	
Corporate General Op		4,662.05	
Fiber Committee Reserves		100.00	
Life Member Reserves		5,023.25	10% will TXFR to GenOp4/15/2015
Liquid Asset		20,234.99	
Marketing/Research Reserves		7,624.97	
Premier Time Savings		23,184.78	
Insurance Reserves		1,200.24	
Youth Reserves		976.13	

TOTAL CASH \$ 75,557.50 as of April 13, 2015

FINANCIAL REPORT Bookkeeper report from Marilyn Arnold. The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Reports have been sent to the RMLA Board. Expenses paid in March were spring journal printing (\$574), spring journal postage (\$310.30), spring journal supplies (\$8.60 - seals), (Total journal expenses - \$892.90, PayPal fees (\$10.22); Conferencing expense (\$53.55); General postage (\$23.30). Income received in March was Interest income a total of \$70.27 of which was \$67.34 from the Premier Savings, Member Dues Farm/Ranch (\$1040), Youth Dues (\$50), Donation allocated to Youth reserves (\$6.00) and springs journal ads \$235.50 and future 2015 journal ads \$40.50. All board approved checks have been written and mailed. There are no outstanding bills. All bank accounts have been reconciled as of 3/31/2015. All deposits and/or transfers have been made to the appropriate accounts. As of 3/31/2015, there are two membership payments to PayPal which have not yet been transferred to the ops account (payments were made online on 3/31/2015). All other monies in PayPal were transferred to the ops account and entered into Quickbooks and coded to the appropriate income accounts.

I. Committee reports

Bookstore - Lougene - Liaison. Jan Adamyck, Chair. No changes to report.

Calendar - Lougene - Liaison. Dick Williams and Pat Bradstreet, Co-Chairs. - Calendar –We currently have one photo and two ads submitted for the 2016 calendar. Would like to consider an e-blast to ask for submissions. And we continue to look for an RMLA volunteer to take this over for the next year. Dick will draft the email blast for Ron Hinds to send out.

E-Communications - Lougene - Liaison.

- Website and email blasts - Ron Hinds - Chair. All new and renewed members have been put on RMLA.com list of members. Continuing to scan historical documents. Found RMLA Newsletters from 1982 to 1990 - will add those to historical docs. This is an enormous project but the website is a good place to store this information for future use. Once again, when scanning is complete all hard copies will be transferred to RMLA Library for preservation of RMLA history.
- Facebook – Ron Hinds will continue to work on this project.

Education - Linda Hayes - Liaison. The RMLA sponsored Ccara llama event was fantastic. The speakers will be good to use for the RMLA Annual Meeting. The Ccara seminar was an outstanding educational event. Lots of hands on and many different topics were covered. The talks provided the latest updates to many subjects that most owners are familiar with.

Tim Holt DVM gave an informative presentation that included magic tricks and humor. He explained how non-traditional medicine such as acupuncture & massage works. There was an enlightening talk on young llama weights, demonstrations on toe nail trimming and the correct way to show at halter. Al Ellis Explained the newest thinking on worming and vaccinations as well as the latest advancements on using supplements. Participants learned how to screen llamas to be included in the Ccara registry. Several llamas passed and will be double registered as Ccara and ILR llamas.

Events/Marketing - Dick Williams - Liaison. Mary Wickman, Chair. Events – All events are currently posted on RMLA.com event calendar.

Fiber - Geri Rutledge - Liaison. Jill Knuckles and Cheryl Juntilla, Co-Chairs. Black Hills Fiber is the next event and happens next weekend.

Finance - Brent Holt - Liaison. Marilyn Arnold, Chair - See Treasury report.

Journal - Lougene - Liaison. Kathy Stanko and Ron Hinds, co-Editors. Several articles have been received from the membership. Editors will try to get articles on events that take place up to the deadline.

Library - Dick Williams, Liaison and Chair. Library – All material is present and correct.

Membership - Brent Hold - Liaison. Dick Williams, Chair. The current Association membership stands at 165 representing 239 members. This includes – 28 Life Memberships (43 members), 17 Honorary Memberships, 24 Youth Memberships, 1 Young Adult membership, There are 33 memberships from the preceding year who have yet to renew, 6 are Youth Memberships. Some who have not renewed no longer are involved in camelids and another.

Work will begin on the Membership Directory next week and be delivered to the printers by May 1st again this year. The Committee goal is to have the new directory delivered to members by May 15.

Publications Coordinator - Lougene Baird - The Journal, Bookstore, Calendar and Directory Committees are all working within each's planned budget requirements. 2015 print jobs will be the Journal, Calendar and Journal. Bookstore inventory is in good shape.

Rescue - Linda Hayes - Liaison. Susi Hulsmeyer-Sinay, Chair. Lots of inquiries from people wanting llamas for packers or just as pets. Packers and gentle pets will sell for money. Linda is collecting names of potential owners who might become RMLA members and is passing these along to the membership committee. Dick Williams will send Linda a copy of the letter RMLA has used to recruit new members and states what RMLA has to offer to new owners. She will send it to new owners.

Youth and 4-H - Liaison Geri Rutledge, Open Chair - [NOTE: for historical purposes the following has been inserted as reference: Brianna Cozzetto resigned the day following this BOD meeting from the Chair position and the Board thanks her for years of volunteer service. The BOD will look to old and new members to form a full committee and continue the YAP program and work with 4H groups across the states. Once the new committee is formed, an announcement will be made to the current Youth in the YAP program. All information will transferred so all 2015 points will be tracked.]

II. Old Business -

1. Set date and place for Annual Meeting - table this until we have Brent available.
2. Discuss proposal from 25th Reunion Committee. A discussion was held on a proposal from the 25th EPWM Reunion Committee. It has asked that RMLA make a financial investment in RMLA's future because the RMLA-sponsored event (the 25th reunion) at EPWM 2015 will provide a much needed opportunity to provide and accomplish a number of things. The event will give RMLA a chance to recognize and give back to dozens of long-time participants and volunteers of RMLA activities for their years of generous financial support and volunteer time, to this key organization in the llama work who have helped RMLA meet its Mission Statement. It will offer a venue for a timely forum for inviting new RMLA members and llama owners to get to know RMLA and what it has to offer its members in the way of education and support of llama ownership, care and enjoyment. It will be an occasion to stimulate much needed new enthusiasm for a group gathering, learning and sharing the benefits that come from being part of the camelid-loving community and membership in RMLA. A calculation of financial needs to cover costs of the reunion is projected to be about \$2500 with a maximum number of 100 attendees and it is requesting an investment by RMLA by a financial sponsorship of \$2500. The group feels that these funds are but a small give-back to what members have invested for years in helping RMLA meet its Mission Statement as well as an excellent investment in our future. After discussion, there was a concern of how such an important event could be limited to 100 attendees because thousands of volunteer hours have been invested in the EPWM by RMLA members. With this in mind, RMLA will consider a maximum financial support of \$25 average per person to attend, and not exceed \$2500. The committee is responsible for fund raising all expenses over the above RMLA investment. The proposal was tabled pending further discussion.

III. New Business

- A. Record of e-mail voting since the last Board meeting. **MOTION:** Make the following motions which were approved by e-mail since the close of the last meeting a matter of permanent record. Motion by Dick Williams and 2nd by Linda Hayes. Motion Passed.
 1. **MOTION:** Approve Fairplay Llama Race to be held on July 25, 2015, to be held in Fairplay, Colorado, organized by Gary Carlton with Ann Bruhn as alternate. Motion by Linda, 2nd by Geri. Motion passed April 1, 2015.
 2. **MOTION:** Approve Leadville Trail 100 to be held on August 15, 2015, in Leadville, Colorado, organized by Vickie Foster and Gary Carlton with Patti Morgan as alternate. Motion by Geri. 2nd by Linda. Motion passed April 1, 2015.
 3. **MOTION:** Approve minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 13, 2015. Motion by Brent. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed April 2, 2015.
- B. **Suggested Bylaw revision for election ballot.** The board discussed the need to raise the quorum from 5% to 25% higher of the current membership. Dick has presented an idea. Discussion to put on this year's ballot. No action has been taken on this, discussion will continue.

RMLA Bylaws Article IV, Section 4.6 Quorum Five percent (5%) ((propose a change to 25 or 50%))or more of the members in good standing, in attendance or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. At a minimum, a quorum must be present ((or present by proxy)) for a vote to proceed. Voting members shall not include Youth under the age of 18 ((Young Adults or Honorary Members)). The affirmative vote of a majority of the members represented at the meeting where a quorum is present shall be the act of the membership.

Scheduled Board of Director's meetings are May 20, June 17 and July15, 2015.

VII. Motion to close meeting the meeting: Motion by Dick Williams and 2nd by Linda Hayes. Meeting closed at 7:59pm RMT.

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