

RMLA Minutes 8-8-12
Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Agenda August 8, 2012

- I Meeting called to order at 7:50pm MDT. Quorum was determined . Present were Lougene Baird, Jerry Dunn, Dick Williams, Ann Bruhn, Geri Rutledge. Linda Hayes, Director elect was present as a non-voting member.
- II Minutes from last meeting – July 11, 2012, were approved by e-mail vote and were posted to the website. An e-mail was sent to members bringing their attention to the posting.
- III Treasurer’s Report. Motion: To accept the treasury report as presented. Current balances of all accounts

General Operations	\$4,278.39
Fiber Co-op E-Square	1,968.63
Bookstore Gen Op	2,581.74
Liquid Asset Savings	20,181.16
Life Member Reserves	4,804.92
CFL&A Production Savings	11,429.62
Research Medical	5,710.48
Research Marketing	1,270.85
Wells-Fargo CD	11,212.22
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Total Cash Assets	\$ 74,650.23

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

All deposits are not made. Pending is the Fairplay event. Dick Williams motions and Jerry Dunn seconds to approve Treasure report as presented. Motion approved.

V Committee Reports –

Bookstore – Ann/Lougene - In year’s past RMLA has put CFL&A and the Youth Manual on sale at Annual Meetings, conferences and other opportunities. Lougene will work with Jan to see what the inventory is and ability to bring to annual meeting.

Calendar - Geri. Patti reported the 200 copies of the RMLA 2012 Calendar will be printed and ready to begin sales at the annual meeting. The calendar has been great for members to take pictures of events and think about it during the year. The advertising of business cards helps to cover the cost so the sales are profit. Members will see email blast advertising the calendar is ready and how to purchase this year.

Events/Marketing – Jerry reported that Gary Carlton expects this year's Fairplay event will be the largest ever based on pre-registrations alone. Leadville Trail 100 Race scheduled for later this month has over 1000 runners pre-registered. Gary has a large group of volunteers to help manage the Hope Pass first aid station. There are 4 RMLA events on the calendar through September. Reminder to members that Jerry Dunn is the chair and if you have your event ready to go please write an email blast for the

membership and send to Jerry Dunn. She will then coordinate the release of information on events.

Finance - Marilyn Arnold. No report but is looking forward to getting P/L and Balance Sheet from Ann.

Fiber - Geri. Patti Morgan reported the Fiber Co-op Booth was at the Fairplay event the weekend of July 28-29. Sales were \$886.67. The Co-op will have a silent auction over Labor Day weekend. The Final fiber event will be Taos in October. Jill Knuckles will be the Manager of that event.

Journal - Lougene Sue is requesting that an e-mail to members be sent. The Journal is need of a volunteer to help manage the advertising for the Journal. The Summer Journal was delayed as the printer was away for family emergency. Call for articles for the Fall Journal.

Library- Dick - Dick reported that the first lot of tapes/DVD's are back from Ron Hinds. He has only looked at one or two and has noticed that the audio is rather 'scratchy' – though they are certainly watchable. He will look at some of the others after he finished getting hay in. The Balance of the VHS material is at Ron's and the plan is for Lougene to bring it and the DVD's back to MT with her in Sept to save shipping costs. Board discussed putting a numbering system on the DVD's to make them easier to order and identify and Ron will be doing that on the disks and on the website. RMLA has two additions to the Library (on one tape). These are episodes of 'The Meateater' on the Sportsman's Channel. The host's brother has a few pack llamas in Miles City, MT and they have done two shows using the llamas to pack for them – one mule deer and one turkey hunt. Primarily half hour hunting shows, but they do show the use of pack llamas in a generally positive light.

Membership- Ann Dick Williams has taken over as Chair of the Committee following Barb Hances' retirement. He has gotten membership lists from both Barb and the one being printed in the upcoming Membership Directory. He has collated these two lists and now has what he believes to be an accurate list of members entered into his File Pro program and is able to print labels. Barb has volunteered to label and mail the new Membership Directories. The Directories were delivered to Barb on July 27 and have been mailed. The notice of Annual Meeting was sent (per RMLA Bylaws) to all members who have e-mail. For those members who do not share their e-mail address with RMLA, the Membership Committee also sense an invitation to the Annual Meeting via USPS. Both notifications were sent more than 30 days prior to the meeting. One more membership drawing will be held at Nebraska State Fair 8-25-12.

A double payment was received on membership. Jerry Dunn motions and Dick Williams seconds to reimburse Burgoyne for double payment made on Paypal. Motion approved..

Nominations and Elections – The ballots have been returned to Geri Rutledge from Maggie Merrill-Brown. Official count is Lougene- 58, Linda- 53, Dick- 45, Ron- 36, Paul- 20. These will be stored for the time period in the RMLA records. This shows a 200% vote, a two member household holds two votes, we have single members and double members. We thank Maggie for her great work on the election. We thank all RMLA for volunteering to run for an office, it shows what a great organization we have and that people are willing to step and help out.

Pack - Dick Dick has spoken to the Projects Director of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation about the possibility of doing a 'Partnership' trail project sometime next summer ('13). This would be a trip for RMLA members only – not open to other volunteers. The response has been very positive and we will be following this up in October after the current project season winds down.

Rescue – Ann. Olin Allen, Chair – no new information. Which is good news.

Website – Lougene. Ron Hinds continues to do a wonderful job of keeping up with us sending out email blasts. We have got a good response about our new look and sending multiple messages in one, when an email blast is sent to members.

Youth and 4H - Geri - Brianna asked that the below correspondence to be sent to RMLA Youth members be approved or suggestions made.

Attention RMLA Youth Members! We have stipends available for you to compete in the Rocky Mountain Regional Show! RMLA will pay the \$50 flat fee for the Youth Classes at the Rocky Mountain Regionals on September 1st! All you need to do is write a thank you letter to the RMLA membership for supporting you along with a picture so that we can publish them in the journal and mail or email it to Sue Grimm the Journal editor at rmlaeditor@gmail.com Also on your Regional form please put RMLA Stipend and RMLA will pay Barb Harris, Superintendent directly. Entries must be post marked by August 10th. If you have any questions please contact Brianna Cozzetto, RMLA Youth Committee Chair at (719) 371-4839 or email brianna0215@yahoo.com . The information was approved with the addition of July 29, 2012 as the last date a youth could join and qualify for the assistance.

V. Old Business

- A. Annual Meeting plans. An email was sent to all RMLA members inviting all to 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 second by Jerry Dunn. Motion passed.
1. Motion to accept the revised website policy as presented. Motion by Jerry. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed July 14, 2012.
 2. Motion: Pay PJs Printing \$628.84 for 235 Journals and \$510.77 for 220 Membership Directories for a total amount of \$1,139.61. Print, fold/stitch, trim all copies, delivery and tax are included. Motion by Lougene. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed July 26, 2012.
 3. Motion: Pay invoice in the amount of \$249.90 to Steamboat Specialties, Inc., for production and delivery of Fairplay awards ribbons. Motion by Ann. 2nd by Dick. Motion passed July 28, 2012.

4. Motion: Send written notice of the RMLA Annual Meeting will be sent to RMLA members who do not have e-mail. Motion by Dick. 2nd by Lougene. Motion passed July 29, 2012.
5. Motion: The RMLA Fiber Co-op will attend the Salida FiberFest Fiber Event in Salida, Colorado, September 8 and 9. The booth fee is \$175.00. Motion by Jerry. 2nd by Geri. Motion passed July 29, 2012.
6. Motion: Reimburse Sue Grim \$227.71 for RMLA Journal postage for April and July per submitted invoices. Motion by Lougene. 2nd by Jerry. Motion passed July 30, 2012.
7. Motion: Pay invoice from Advantage Design in the amount of \$1,155.20 for production of Fairplay event T-shirts. Motion by Ann. 2nd by Geri. Motion passed August 7, 2012.
8. Motion: Pay Fairplay consignments totaling \$700.75 to Sue Grimm, Patti Morgan, Dolores Baker, Cheryl Juntilla, Karen Schwartz, Brenda Foulks, Vicky Staley and Marie Von Loewenfeld. Pay Colorado Dept of Revenue \$70.05 for sales tax collected on fiber sales at Fairplay. Reimburse Patti Morgan \$36.07 for purchased of supplies for the RMLA Fiber Co-op booth. Motion by Ann. 2ⁿ by Geri. Motion passed 8/8/2012.

The next RMLA BOD Meeting will be held September 19th, 2012 7:30pm

We wish to thank Dick Williams for his term on the RMLA Board. He has done a wonderful job, been a great volunteer and will continue on committees. Bravo Mr. Williams, we thank you.

Dick Williams motions to close the meeting at 9:12pm second by Jerry Dunn. Motion approved.