

Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting September 11, 2013 6:30 RMT

- I. Call meeting to order at 6:32 PM RMT. A quorum was present. Present were: Lougene Baird, Geri Rutledge, Jerry Dunn, Ann Bruhn and Linda Hayes. Brent Holt and Cathleen White (Directors elect who will take office as the last matter of business at the Annual Meeting) attended to listen in.

We welcome Brent Holt to the RMLA Board. Brent comes to us with 40 years of experience in the Insurance business, and 5 years of owning alpacas. He was willing to step up and now ready to get creative and meet the needs of the organization.

We welcome Cathleen White all the way from Utah llama owner since 1996 along with the farm dogs and cats that are essential to every operation. She brings with her interest in the Fiber world, the co-op, marketing, products etc. And the desire to continue education of the general public about these wonderful animal we all own. She is ready to put her hat on and get to work.

- II. Minutes from August 2013 meeting were August 19 and posted to RMLA.com/Board/Minutes.

- III. Treasurer's Report.

Bookstore General Op	\$ 3,189.05
CFL&A Production Savings	11,435.83
Corporate General Op	3403.94
Fiber Co-op E-square	742.16
Life Member Reserves	3,894.97
Liquid Asset	20,203.03
Research Marketing	1,271.59
Research Medical	5,713.33
Premier Time Savings	<u>22,705.58</u>
TOTAL CASH	\$ 72,559.48

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

Outstanding: The RMLA Fiber silent Auction from LOCC/REGIONALS and Salida Festival is not completed yet. Some checks remain outstanding from the last issuance done since last meeting.

- IV. Committee

- A. Bookstore - Bruhn, Liaison. Jan Adamcyk – Chair. Work will be done to create a year-end report for the annual meeting.
- B. Bylaws – Lougene Baird, Chair. – No changes were suggested to the Bylaws during the year.
- C. Calendar – Linda Hayes, Liaison – Co-chair Theresa and Luke Bakken. No Year-end report.
- D. Education – Linda Hayes, Liaison. Linda will be working with committee members to create a year-end report for the upcoming annual meeting.
- E. Events/Marketing – Jerry Dunn, Liaison – Good news is that during LOCC/REGIONALS there were two youth present that got Sportsmanship Awards from LANA and they are current RMLA Youth Members. Mikayla Vanderham and Jayden Vanderham.

**Motion:** Jerry Dunn motions to accept Mary Wickman as Event Chair effective 10-18-13, Linda Hayes 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

- F. Fiber – Geri Rutledge, Liaison. Jill Knuckles and Cheryl Juntilla – Co-Chair. Patti Morgan, Chair Ex officio reported that because the Salida even was last Sat. and the TAOS event is 10/17, the committee will submit their year-end report just prior to the annual meeting. The Silent Auction fund raiser held in Castle Rock made \$792. This should put the Fiber Co-op in good shape for the year.
- G. Finance – Ann Bruhn, Liaison. Marilyn Arnold, Chair. Will be working on year-end report.

- H. Journal – Lougene Baird, Liaison. Kathy Stanko and Ron Hinds - Co- Chairs and Co-editors. The Fall Journal is at the printer and will be mailed within two days after the product is received. It will be mailed from Castle Rock CO. Ron and Kathy took over as new co-editors August 5<sup>th</sup> and were able to make deadlines, and do a fantastic job. Can't wait to see this issue. Ron and Kathy have set some goals for 2014, to continue the quality and improve areas of the Journal. One focus will be the advertising, to take away from the membership budget and have a more self-supporting Journal that covers itself and shows all the wonderful members we have.
- I. Library – Jerry Dunn, Liaison. Dick Williams, Chair. In the last year the Library has received five (5) requests for material for a total of twenty one (21) items. These have included both written and electronic material. This year Ron Hinds copied all of the VHS material onto DVDs which will help us to preserve much of this material and make it available to members who no longer have the capability of viewing VHS tapes. All Library material is present and correct at the time of this report. Idea suggested would be to have some the History of our Library on display for the Annual Meeting. We will see if this can be done in a cost effective manner.
- J. Membership – Ann Bruhn. Dick Williams, Chair Yearend Report - The current membership stands at 161. This includes Youth Members – 4, Young Adult Members – 3, Life Members – 27 and Honorary Members 20. There are 48 members of all types from last year who have failed to renew. Renewal notifications were sent out by mail to all members (including Life Members so they could update information) in January. All of last year's members who had yet to renew were sent postcard reminders in early July. The committee has worked very closely with Ron Hinds (webmaster) to keep the membership on the website and the database current. Many thanks to Ron for his great work and cooperation in this effort. The renewal process seemed to go smoothly with all monies reaching the Treasurer within a couple weeks of receipt by Membership. The membership data was transferred to Ron at the end of the year and was posted on the website as the current membership in very short order. The committee worked with Jane Levene to produce the 2013 – 2014 Membership Directories which was in the mail in July. We intend to have next year's template in place shortly after the first of the year so we can add members to it as they renew. This should allow the Directory to go to the printer within a week of the end of the membership year next April. We should be receiving a list of active members in states in the Rocky Mountain area from the International Lama Registry shortly. Early this fall we hope to get a mailing out to these lama owners inviting them to join the RMLA like we did in 2006. That effort resulted in quite a few new members and we hope it will be productive this year as well.
- K. Nominations and Elections – Geri Rutledge – Liaison. Maggie Merrill Brown, Chair – The 2013 General Electon was a success electing two new Directors. Brent Holt and Cathleen White are the new RMLA Board members. Chairs will not be changed until the Annual Meeting. Jerry Dunn and Geri Rutledge will go off the Board this year and we thank them for years of service.
- L. Pack - Jerry Dunn, Liaison. Dick Williams, Chair. During the past year, the attempt was made to organize both pack trips and trail service projects in both MT and CO with no interest shown by the membership. We tried to initiate a project to have a piece in each Journal describing a llama friendly trail that members would recommend to others looking for new places to go hiking with their llamas. One submission which was printed was received from a Youth Member. No adult members have shown an interest in pack trip suggestion or a story for the Journal. There has been no additional interests expressed in serving on the committee. A requested has been made to the Liaison to make a presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting to discern member interest in this committee. If there is no interest it is recommended the committee be put on 'inactive' status until such time as interest in it is expressed by the membership.
- M. Publications Coordinator – Lougene Baird. – The printing of the Journal and Membership Directory were coordinated this year. The Bookstore inventory should last through 2014 without reprinting. The committee had no income or expenses.
- N. Rescue– Linda Hayes, Liaison. Olin Allan, Chair – No report

- O. Website – Lougene Baird, Liaison. Ron Hinds, Chair – No report. Report for the Annual Meeting is being developed.
- P. Youth and 4H – Geri Rutledge, Liaison. Brianna Cozzetto, Chair. The BOARD allowed for Youth Chair Brianna to join the RMLA Meeting to answer any questions presented in the draft sent to all BOARD members prior to the meeting. Not to share her age, but, Brianna starting showing at the age of 11 and has been in the llama/alpaca show world for 18 years now. So if you do your own math, then you can figure out her age. She comes to us with first-hand knowledge of youth experience and the transition to showing as an adult and if that wasn't enough she added the next life stage, as now she has a child showing. So she has all the bases covered and has a well thought out plan. The final rules for the Youth Point Program have been respectfully submitted to the Board. Please go on line at <http://www.rmla.com/youth> to view how each Youth member will submit their points. Ron finalized the page this week. The purpose of the new award system is to encourage more kids to become active with their animals and help grow the RMLA Youth group. It is a really cool thing for kids and the web will make keeping track of their reports a lot easier. Thank you for support the new RMLA Youth Awards Program.

**Motion:** Linda Hayes motioned to approve the Youth and 4H Committee new Award Program for 2014 and it shall begin immediately. The plan presented will be an addendum to these minutes. Ann Bruhn's 2<sup>nd</sup> and this was approved. Brianna then left the meeting. The BOARD resumed business.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Hayes. Motion Passed.

1. **MOTION:** Approve minutes from the August 16, 2013 meeting and post to RMLA.com. Motion by Linda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry. Motion passed August 19, 2013.
2. **MOTION:** Accept Jill Knuckles and Cheryl as Co-Managers of the RMLA Fiber Booth and Committee Chair effective immediately. Motion by Lougene. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Geri. Motion passed August 23, 2013.
3. **MOTION:** Reimburse Dick Williams no more than \$50.00 to purchase a blend of mailing list and e-mail address for llama owners residing within the Rocky Mountain States. Motion by Linda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann. Motion passed August 27, 2013.
4. **Motion:** Reimburse Ron Hinds \$244.95 for postage and \$31.27 for an invoice total of \$276.22 for the distribution of the fall 2013 Journal of the RMLA. Motion by Linda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Geri. Motion passed September 5, 2013.

- B. ALSA Fiber sponsorship. A request was received from ALSA Grand National Committee members to request monetary donations for the ALSA GN Show 2013. RMLA has sponsored Youth Awards, trophies, and classes in the past. This event was discussed in the business meeting at the beginning of the year when the budget was covered. RMLA has considered several requests for financial support and continues to stand true to the members and use the budget goes toward when advertising or specific awards at these types of events are requested. Lougene has made continued efforts to ALSA Board members to request information about the RMLA 2012 donation for the Fiber event. To this time, the RMLA Board remains with little information about how and when the RMLA 2012 donation was directly given to the show participants. This topic will be discussed again with the budget meeting for 2014.

**Motion:** Geri Rutledge motions to sustain from monetary donation in 2013, Jerry Dunn 2<sup>nds</sup>, approved.

- C. **Motion:** Jerry Dunn motions to approve a new RMLA Event Sneffels Fiber Festival to be held in Ridgeway CO 9/14/13 hosted by Glen and Kathy Stanko, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Bruhn's approved.

D. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting to be held in Evergreen CO on October 19. Regular monthly future meeting will be set after the Annual Meeting. Each Board member is to send Lougene topics that will be covered at the Annual Meeting. The Email blasts will be sent a regular schedule, with reminders of topics, meeting date/time/location as a reminder for all members and contact information for members.

VII. **Motion:** Geri Rutledge motions to close meeting at 8:02pm, Ann Bruhn seconds. Approved. The meeting was adjourned.

NEW FOR 2014!!!!!!!!!!!!

# RMLA Youth Annual High Point Award

*This is a new program offered by RMLA open to ALL youth!*

## Rules:

1. Must be a member of RMLA by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014—NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! It's only \$10 to join! The points will start as of this date and go through August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Winners will be announced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Show (if youth member will not be present other arrangements can be made)
  - a. **NEW RULE:** A sponsor is no longer needed to become a Youth Member!!
  - b. **Eligible youth members MUST reside in the one of following states:** Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.
2. On your honor system. *Please note: anyone caught cheating will be eliminated from the competition and will NOT be allowed to participate in this program again, ever.* Activities that have been completed should be sent to Brianna Cozzetto, RMLA Youth/4-H Committee Chair:
  - a. Online submission: <http://www.rmla.com/youth> a confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided. This information will be sent directly to Brianna and it will go on a spreadsheet. This is the BEST way to submit information if you have internet access. Please ask your parents permission or have them help you enter your information.
  - b. Emailed: [Brianna0215@yahoo.com](mailto:Brianna0215@yahoo.com)
    - i. Must email attached form. Information can be entered directly into a word document and emailed to the above address.
  - c. Mailed:
    - i. RMLA Youth Chair  
Brianna Cozzetto  
441 Olive Street  
Pueblo, CO 81005
  - d. Entries MUST be received no more than 30 days after the event. NO EXCEPTIONS!! If it is after 30 days it will not be counted.
  - e. Must be typed or clearly written on the form titled RMLA Youth Annual High Point Award.
  - f. Youth and/or parent is responsible for turning in ALL activities completed!! If you don't tell us, we don't know!
3. Youth member must be 18 or under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Awards given will be for the following age groups:
  - a. Sub- Junior: 7 & Under

- b. Junior: 8-11
  - c. Intermediate: 12-14
  - d. Senior: 15-18
4. You do not have to be a member of ALSA or 4-H. You don't even have to own your own llama! You can borrow from grandma, grandpa, neighbor, anyone who has a llama or alpaca! The llama/alpaca does not have to be registered! You DO have to be an RMLA Youth Member by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014!! Again... NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
  5. Awards that will be given:
    - a. High Point and Reserve High Point for all age divisions- Custom vinyl banner with name, year, award, a certificate, and recognition in RMLA Journal.
    - b. Overall High Point— This is the BIG award for 1 person. All age divisions combined! Larger Custom Banner, certificate, photo on cover of RMLA Journal. Stay tuned for more prizes as they come available!!
    - c. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> year that RMLA is trying a new youth point program. We are going to try to get sponsors so that the youth can receive cash awards. No guarantees of monetary awards yet. If sponsorship money is received it will be split between all the age groups. ALL money received for the Youth Point Award program will be used ONLY for the youth!!
    - d. ALL Youth Members who join this program will receive by mail a certificate with the total number of points earned.

How you get points: RMLA sponsored events are DOUBLE POINTS!!!!!!!!!!

1. Shows- ANY SHOW!!!! ALSA, AOBA, 4-H, FFA, Fun Shows
  - a. Points will be determined by how many are in the class, up to 6<sup>th</sup> place.
    1. For example- 10 participants- 1<sup>st</sup> Place is 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place is 9 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place is 8 points, etc etc etc.
  - b. ONLY youth classes will be counted—Showmanship, Obstacle, Public Relations, Pack and Youth Judging. No halter classes, no open performance classes!
2. Community service with your llama/alpaca—20 points per event!!!!
  - a. Parades, visiting nursing homes, visiting schools, public education, etc.
  - b. DOES NOT INCLUDE: practicing at home with your llama/alpaca, grooming, 4-H group projects, etc. This is strictly about educating the public about llamas/alpacas.
3. Clinics- Show clinics, training clinics, etc.- MUST be specific to llamas/alpacas! --- 20 points
4. RMLA Youth High Point Award Fundraising
  - a. Participating in an RMLA Fundraising event- 50 points.

b. Sponsors of Youth Award- \$100 sponsor- 100 points, \$50 sponsor- 50 points any monetary amount will be matched in points. Sponsor MUST include name of youth on sponsor form for it to be counted and must be turned in by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014! If they are after this date no points will be awarded and money will be used for the 2015 High Point Award.

c. Youth should ask sponsors before July 1<sup>st</sup>, after July 1<sup>st</sup> RMLA will look for sponsors so no points will be awarded to Youth unless it is directly specified on sponsor form. This is the youth members chance to get as many sponsors as possible!

5. Signing up a NEW Youth Member, please note they will NOT be eligible for this award because it begins January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, they will however be eligible for this program in 2015! – 20 points!!

a. Must indicate on Membership Application first and last name of Youth that referred the new member or points will not be rewarded.

b. They must have NEVER been an RMLA member before.

6. Signing up a NEW Adult member—40 points (to sign up a regular member)

a. They must have NEVER been an RMLA member before.

b. They must pay regular adult membership dues.

c. If the adult joins with a lifetime membership 100 pts will be rewarded to the referring youth!!!

d. The adult member MUST include on the membership application the first and last name of the Youth Member referring them or the points will not be awarded.

Questions?? Please call Brianna at 719-371-4839