

Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association, Inc.

Board Meeting February 8, 2012 7:00 RMT

Present: Lougene Baird, Geri Rutledge, Jerry Dunn, Ann Bruhn. Excused Dick Williams

I Meeting called to order at 7pm. Quorum is met

II Minutes from last meeting – December 14, 2011. Were approved by e-mail.

III Treasurer's report. Motion: Accept the treasury report as presented. Motion by Jerry. 2nd by Lougene. Motion passed. Ann reported that the bill comes from the telephonic conferences within days of the RMLA BOD meetings. These need to be paid in a timely manner. Motion: The treasurer has the authority to pay conference call invoices without further BOD approval as long as the bills are \$50 or less. Motion by Jerry. Second by Lougene. Motion passed.

V Committee Reports –

Bookstore – Ann/Lougene. All pending orders for CFL&A and the Youth Manual have been filled. Noted the revised Youth Manual orders are steady with good sales.

Bylaws – Lougene. Committee has not received any suggestions for Bylaws changes.

Calendar - Geri. The last of the calendar sales will be offered at two events in February: the GPLA Conference and Ft Collins Wool Show. Sales have been good. Members who advertise are greatly appreciated and thanked for their continued support of this fund raiser.

Education-Jerry. Continue to address any new issues that come up. Always look for events where we can promote the animals. More information under new business.

Events/Marketing – Jerry. RMLA has twelve returning events. Applications in hand: St. Patrick's Day Parade 3/17, Llamas & Friends in the Park 3/24, Stars N Stripes 4/28, Wild N' Woolly 4/28, Jelly Bean Classic 5/12, Grand Mesa & Kokopelli Llama Classic 5/19-20, Estes Park Wool Market Llama Show 6/8-10. Fairplay Llama Race 7/28, Fairplay Camp Performance 7/29, Leadville Hope Pass Aide Station 8/18-19, Nebraska State Fair Llama Show, 8/25-26..

Fiber-Geri. – Lougene reported that a new bank account has been opened for the use of the Fiber Co-op. As the Fiber Co-op travels to fiber shows, all credit card charges will be point-of-sale charges and processed at the time of purchase. Patti Morgan has set up an e-Square account for fiber sales transactions. All purchases will be immediately deposited into the new bank account for fiber co-op sales. There is no bank charge for the deposit however there is a minimal charge for the e-Square transaction. Motion: Transfer \$100 of fiber co-op silent auction profits from the general operations account to the separate active account for Fiber transactions for the purpose of e-Square deposits. Motion by Geri. Second by Lougene Baird. Motion passed.

4-H – Geri – Discussion about combining Youth and 4H Committees, as both groups appear to be working on similar items. Motion to merge the Youth Committee and 4H Committee. Motion by Ann. Second by Lougene. Motion passed. Members working on both groups will be asked how they want to chair the single group.

Government Relations –Ann. Teri Baird – No report

Journal - Lougene. The Journal is going out on time, everyone appears to be getting the swing of the new layout and Dick Williams continues to help with the mailing.

Library- Dick. Some requests have come in this year for DVDs, members are sending items back in on time.

Membership- Ann. Ann continues to work with Barb Hance on Membership renewals. Things are getting busy this time of year.

Nominations and Elections – Geri. No action needed at this time.

Pack – Dick. No action needed at this time.

Publication Coordinator– Lougene.

1. Caring For Llamas and Alpacas 3rd edition, 1st printing is complete. The printer has been paid. The printer has suggested the scanned copy is good for this printing however it has been recommended that the entire book be re-typed for the 2nd printing. This is something we will consider over the next few months.
1. Membership Directory – At the next meeting a scheduled will be set to release in mid-may.

Website – Lougene. The Board has received several comments on how fantastic the new RMLA.com looks and how easy it is to use. Great to have PayPal. The Website Committee has done an amazing job at making the website easier to use and with much more information.

Youth- Dick - Need a youth membership list from the Membership Committee so that Geri can make the Youth Award announcement in late February or early March. This will give time to purchase the award.

V. Old Business: Jerry Dunn advised the group of continued information from Alaska about Johnes Disease controversy. This affects Alaska Packers and outfitters. Ron Baird was given information as he has previously worked on issues very similar to this. RMLA will be keeping an eye on this topic that effects Alaska llama outfitters and packers.

VI New Business –

- A E-mail Voting record since the last meeting. Motion: Make the following motions approved by e-mail since the previous Board meeting a matter of permanent record. Motion made by Geri Rutledge and 2nd by Jerry Dunn. Motion passed.
1. Motion: Approve the minutes of the December meeting as amended: Motion by Lougene 2nd by Dick. Motion passed 12/19/2011.
 2. Motion: Select Wes and Mary Mauz to receive the 2012 Bobra Goldsmith Award to be presented at the NWSS. Motion by Jerry. 2nd by Geri. Motion passed 12/20/2011.
 3. Motion: Sponsor all Open and Youth Performance Championship Awards at the 2012 National Western Stock Show Llama Show. The amount will be \$250 ad paid for out of the Research Marketing Savings Account. Motion by Jerry. 2nd by Geri. Motion passed 12/21/2001.
 4. Motion: Open a new account at FirstBank for the purpose of electronic point-of-sale credit card charges for sales generated by the RMLA Fiber Co-op. The account will be initially funded by the RMLA General Operations account. These funds will be returned to the General Operations account before or upon closing of the new account. All cash and check sales will be deposited into the general operations account as usual. Motion by Lougene. 2nd by Geri. Motion passed 1/16/2012.
 5. Motion: Reimburse Patti Morgan \$125.84 (\$75.84 for calendar postage and \$50 for Ft Collins Fiber Booth event). Motion by Ann. 2nd by Geri. Motion passed 1/20/2012.
 6. Motion: Reimburse Barb Hance \$10.30 for Membership Committee postage. Motion by Ann. 2nd by Geri. Motion passed 1/20/2012.
 7. Motion: Pay United Fire Group for policy account 3000001275 in the amount of \$316.00 to insure RMLA corporate documents and Bookstore inventory. Motion by Ann. 2nd by Jerry. Motion passed 2/7/2012.

- B. The RMLA Calendar on the RMLA Website was discussed. A viewer has the option to look at Week, Month or Year overview on the events listed on the website. All event RMLA events as well as all information about each event is on this calendar. Thanks to Ron Hinds for developing this new tool to continue to keep members informed.

- C. The Board gave a salute to organizers and managers of the NWSS Fiber Demonstration Information site, Jane Levene, and many of the other members of RMLA who volunteered throughout the NWSS.

Next meeting date. March 14, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm RMT.