



MEETING OF NEAOBA BOARD MEMBERS

Secretary Report

Meeting Date: 1-15-25

Call to Order by Linda at: 7:35 pm

Members in attendance: Linda Hettrick, Kristin Leffingwell, Janice Ciszkowski, Lennie Foss, Randy Hall, Amy Varrell, Jodie Taylor

Members Unavailable: Keith Tetreault

Secretary Report From Received from Kristin and Approved 12-27-24

Treasurer Report From Received from Lennie and Approved 12-27-24

New Business:

Election of officers

President: Lennie

Vice president: Randy

Treasurer: Linda

Secretary: Kristin

Committees:

Summerfest

Kristin

Linda

Randy

Keith

Amy

Showtacular

Lennie

Kristin

Jodie

Education

All board members

Marketing and newsletter

Board will help come up with content

Amy

Linda

Janice

Social media to increase presence: Jodie

Brochures: Janice will send what she made for the Vermont sheep and wool festival

Website: Terry Miller will continue

Holiday tour

Thanksgiving to Christmas Terri post on the website, Facebook, Instagram

Constant contact- email blast, by names or partner, websites, supplies, feed stores, link on each other's websites

Old Business:

Farm mentoring

Showtacular

Finishing income and expenses, collections should have final numbers end of January beginning of February

2025 Showtacular will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania instead of Syracuse, New York

Syracuse will not rent half the building and the cost is too high

In 2024 there were 2 alpaca farms from Maine, 0 from New Hampshire, 1 from Vermont, 1-2 from Connecticut, 2 from Massachusetts, 1 from Rhode Island, 8 New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio were missing

West of Mississippi there are a lot of farms in youth that are involved

Scott Young reports that Carolina show numbers are way down

National show will be in Oklahoma this year. The thought is the numbers will not be as high as they were in Fort Wayne last year, which was approximately 719.

There's a lot of costs that goes into show

Hotel, travel, meals, pen, animal registration

Approximately \$185-\$190 per pen, \$45 registration per animal

Eagle Eye estimated a year of show for 15 to 20 animals attending 8 to 9 shows cost them approximately \$100,000 for the year

Discussion about New England no longer having shows here numbers decreasing due to it being expensive for the venues. That is why Showtacular was created and moved. Many farms are aging out and not as many new young farms are showing.

Robin from AOA, Lennie and Jeff will be meeting regarding shows and where the future of showing is going.

Janice thought if shows were in New England again and possibly doing performance category. Perhaps the cost for 4-H kids are waived. This will get kids involved and maybe that's the way the numbers will increase.

Amy reports 4-H in Massachusetts is difficult for showing and couldn't find a judge. Randy states Hartford County is an open show and in the future they can show there if they'd like.

Summerfest

Nothing to report at this time

Education

First set meeting will be January 23 at 7:30 PM

Upcoming seminar will be Dr. Cheryl DeWitt for the neonatal seminar April 12. She charges \$2800 plus travel and hotel. Keith will be looking into Mount Wachusett school.

Vet tech students at Mount Wachusett will be invited for the lecture

24 spots are for the lab, 4 spots can be given to the vet tech students

Cost will be:

\$175 for NEAOBA members

\$250 for non-NEAOBA members

Next Meeting will be scheduled per Google Meet February 19, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Adjourn Business Meeting at: 9:06 pm