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BOARD OF OFFICERS Date: Dec 20, 2023

 Time: 7:00 PM

 Location: Zoom

Board Members:

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| **Present**  | **Absent** |
| DJ Penica –President & Treasurer | Karen Bowman – Vice President,  | Debbie Wambaugh – Treasurer trainee, By-Laws | Karen Nace – Board Member elect |
| Julie Wysong-Membership | Lena Galing – Secretary Membership/Photo | Carol Howard – Board Member elect | Tim McCarty – Board Member elect |
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Guests: Jackie Ranko, Jillian Ranko

Minutes:

| Agenda | Discussion | Tasks/Conclusion | Responsibility |
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| *Call to order**7:00* | Review and approved last meeting minutes.Approved: Debbie WambaughSecond: Karen Bowman |  |  |
| *Farm Show Details /Yarn Project* | Members’ Map - QR code created by Marcia Silkroski.Karen will get the maps printed at Staples and bring to the farm show (1000 copies). Karen will bring the T-shirts as well.The farm show committee proposed the purchase of a 10’ x 30’ canopy for the farm show booth. Light colored canopy Approved by all board members. | Send maps to KarenGet maps printedAdvise Marcia that canopy is approved | JulieKarenDJ |
| *Alpaca Royalty* | Jackie and Jillian Ranko joined the meeting.The Royalty application is almost done.* Crowning will be during the evening auction, either sit-down dinner or appetizers.
* Friday night interview with judges, 50/50 & campaign Saturday, crowning Saturday evening.
* 1st place - $500 scholarship
* Reserve - $250 scholarship
* Currently at least 3 are interested, including a boy.
* Jackie will crown the winner.
* Asked that the princess page be updated with less verbiage.
* If the guy gets 1st or 2nd place, his title will be “Alpaca Prince” vs , potentially “Reserve Alpaca Prince.”
* Get some information pamphlets to hand out at the farm show
* Royalty social media page to document what the representative does during the year, coordinated by . Jackie and Jillian, and monitored by DJ approved by the board. The prince / princess would not have access to update the page.
* In addition to listed required events, royalty should be available and attend farm shows and fairs around them
 | Provide a Word documents to be pasted into the Princess pageGet pamphlets to hand out at the farm show.Build Royalty social media page | JillianJillianJillian and Jackie  |
| *Membership* | Memberships are coming in. Renewal membership cut off to be on the map is January 1st. Banners will be mailed so that PA farms going to shows before Showcase can start to display them. Remind farms to display their banners at all the showsMagnets will be mailed after farm show | Mail out Banners and magnets | Lena |
| *Updating web site* | Website is updated. Looks great! For the future, perhaps some more educational information could be added.Also, an information page could be added, including things such as, a list of shearers, basic healthcare needs.All try to remember to take pictures at events. |  |  |
| *4H Newsletter* | Newsletter Template is ready to send out.Optionally, the kids could submit a video that could be loaded on the PAOBA web page. A release has been signed as part of 4H membership. | Send out Template | DJ |
| *NEAFP Zoom Dates* | Thursday, 15th 2 PM NEAFP to show a tour of fiber mill and process | Send E-blast to announce the Zoom Meeting  | DJ |
| *Breeders Showcase / Jamboree* | April (4) 5-7, 2024 HarrisburgRegistration to open probably 2nd – 3rd weekend of January.Start thinking of things for the auction. | . |  |
| *Fleece Show/Summer Seminar* | Fleece Show at Best Western, Harrisburg: July 31-Aug 4, 2024.Cheryl Gaily and Beverly Brehm are locked in to judge. Cheryl is a senior judge and will be one More expensive than other judges, but will have lower travel expenses. She will be a draw for the show. Board is OK with the added expense. | Develop an information sheet to advertise the neonatal clinic  | DJ & Carol |
| *T-Shirt Contest* | T-Shirts will be delivered 12/21.  |  |  |
| *Finances: P&L report, cash on hand* | Consider moving some money from money market to CDs to take advantage of the good rates. | Call Tim and ask for suggestions | DJ |
| *By-laws* |  No update at this time |  |   |
| *General* | Fused glass window decorations are in progress. Hoping to get one before the farm show.This is Lena’s last board meeting. She will continue with the photo contest and help with the membership committee. |  |  |
| Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pmNext Meeting date is WEDNESDAY, Jan 24th at 7:00 PM |

Submitted by: Debbie Wambaugh

Date: -January 20, 2024