

**Midwest Lama Association**  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2016

**Opening**

The spring meeting of the Midwest Lama Association was called to order at 5:00 PM on May 14, 2016 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo, MN by President Kim Schechinger.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting at the 2016 Midwest Lama Association Winter Conference was made by Dan Whittaker and seconded by Connor Cook. The minutes were unanimously approved as distributed.

**Approval of Treasurers Report**

The treasurer's report was presented by President Kim Schechinger. The current balance in the Midwest Lama Association checking account is \$26,441.88. The donations made to the Badgerland Show, the Llama Futurity Association, and the Minnesota State Fair were paid out, and the monies received from the 2016 Winter Conference were paid in. Payments and expenses from the 2016 Lamapalooza have not been accounted for yet.

**New Business**

**Newsletter**

The opinion was expressed that Cheryl Pflipsen has been doing a great job with the newsletter and a great job getting it out. A request was made to the organization to send anything to Cheryl that should be included.

**4H Quiz Bowl**

Several Midwest Lama Association farms had youth that participated in the MN 4H Llama quiz bowl, and over all did very well. Counties mentioned at the meeting were Mower, Carver, and Washington counties. Participants and spectators reported that was a great event with llama knowledge being the main focus.

**Request for New Ideas**

President Kim Schechinger requested new ideas from the members and told the members that we might be sending out a survey to ask for ideas for future Midwest Lama Association events.

Working on some events in conjunction with the Iowa Lama Association was brought up. A clinic of some kind was brought up, including a fall hike/obstacle clinic.

Margo Schultz said the fall hike in conjunction with the Midwest Lama Association Fall meeting is a great idea. And said the best we can do it book a date and pick a central location. Any members interested in hosting/organizing the meeting should contact President Kim Schechinger.

### **ILR Camelid Companion Certification**

There will be Camelid Companion Certifiers set up at The Gathering in Iowa. They will be available on Friday and Saturday to sign off on lama certifications for the program. The Camelid Companion Certifications are specific to the animal and not the handler.

### **Youth Judging Clinic**

There will be a youth judging clinic June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Marbil Farms. Bill Schultz will be the instructor and the Paquet family is organizing. There will be a \$15 per youth charge for the weekend, there will also be camping available, and youth are encouraged to bring their animals.

### **Old Business**

#### **Scholarship**

The Scholarship committee made an announcement that the applications for the Midwest Lama Scholarship are due soon (May 15, 2016) and that they haven't received any yet. If they do receive some, they will make and post their decision by June 1, 2016.

#### **Financial Request Committee**

Norris Berg addressed the meeting about the committee formed at the 2016 Winter Conference that was put in place to handle donation and sponsorship requests made to the organization. The committee has been granted authority to spend up to \$2,000 per club year (starts the day after the Winter Conference and goes through the Winter Conference the next year). The forms have been completed and will be posted on the website.

Danita Doerre stood and spoke about the form and the guidelines. There are technically two forms, a Financial Request form and a Financial Summary form. The request form should be filled out 30 days prior to the event and the summary form that needs to be returned to the committee chairperson (Norris Berg); includes a piece that will be submitted to the newsletter editor.

#### **Lamapalooza**

Everyone had great things to say about the Lamapalooza/Shepherd's Harvest show and recommend that we plan to hold Lamapalooza in conjunction with Shepherd's Harvest for the 2017 show. President Kim Schechinger requested an email with any comments/concerns/questions from exhibitors, and she will work with the show committee for the 2017 show. Shepherd's Harvest is moving back to Mother's Day in 2017 and the Olson's agreed to head the show committee again in 2017. They will also block rooms for the group earlier for next year because of all the events happening and many exhibitors had a hard time finding hotel rooms nearby.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Norris Berg and seconded by Connor Cook. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM by President Kim Schechinger.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Katie Mazac