

**Midwest Llama Association Annual Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER-** Kim Schechinger

Kim opened the meeting at 8:30 am with words of welcome. Thanks to the board, and the adult organizers and youth helpers at the youth conference. Attendance: 70+ adults 33 youth.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report-** Lorraine Kilmartin

Minutes from the February 2018 annual meeting were distributed and may be found at the website. (The meeting schedule for May 2018 was cancelled.)

Bill Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes; Brian Patterson seconded it. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Kim Schechinger for Tracey McGinnis

Summary:

Starting balance 1/1/18	\$19,944
Income	\$8728.71
Expenses	\$14,142.39
Closing balance 12/30/18	\$14,530.86

3 payments have been made in 2019:

- to reimburse Cheryl Pflipsen for chips
- to reimburse Lorraine Kilmartin for Friday meal
- to pay Kelsey Robinson's transportation costs

Note: Presenters Kelsey, Justin Timm, and Carol Reigh waived any fees; the Association paid for transport only for 2018 conference speakers.

Connor Cook made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Floyd Zopfi seconded it. The motion carried.

**Financial Request Committee-**

No report, as no representative of the committee was present.

**Youth Grant Committee-** Lorraine Kilmartin

The Central Minnesota Llama 4-H Club of Benton County applied for a \$300 grant for a presentation on conformation and packing, but that program was cancelled.

The club then requested that some of the grant money be applied to a bus trip, already scheduled, to a fiber mill and llama farm. The funds would subsidize the trip's cost for youth, reducing their cost from \$25 to \$15.

The committee granted \$220 for 22 youth to participate. An article about the trip was included in the January, 2019 newsletter. Cheryl Pflipsen expressed thanks for the opportunity for her project members.

Lorraine Kilmartin is resigning from the committee. Jillian Paquet and Julie Hendriksen were appointed to the committee.

Call for grant applications: Deadline of March 15; use the application form on the website.

**Scholarship Committee-** Cheryl Pflipsen

Call for scholarship applications: Deadline June 1st; use the application form on the website.

Christine Schechinger, 2018 scholarship recipient, thanked the membership for her scholarship and provided an update on her activities at college.

**Webmaster's Report-** Dan Whittaker

Send Dan information on events, or any changes to address or email.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Agricultural Awareness Day at the University of MN-** Julie Mazac  
April 16, 2019. In 2018, Rick Carlson brought llamas; Julie, Connor Cook and Lorraine Kilmartin gave spinning and weaving demonstrations, and staffed a display of fiber and fiber arts. The organizers will contact Julie. Anyone interested in participating should contact Julie.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Newsletter Update-** Kim Schechinger

Call for a newsletter editor whose duties also include sending e-blasts. Tim Kohloff was the newsletter editor this past year.

Discussion: pros and cons of putting out a newsletter; server capacity for sending e-blasts; editor-board communication; material that should be included; number of issues per year.

Becky Willhite made a motion to accept Cheryl Pflipsen's offer to be editor, and that she should hold articles and create a newsletter when she has enough material; the motion was not seconded.

Discussion: A suggestion to include an advertising page of members' business cards for free was met with a positive response.

Ann Barkley amended the motion: The Association will put out three newsletters per year, in April, August and December. Newsletters will include, as appropriate, a recap of the conference; show results; articles sent in by members; and information about upcoming events, including the conference; Brian Patterson seconded it. The motion carried.

\*Patty Patterson will send e-blasts as needed.

\*Dan will send database with email addresses to Patty and Cheryl

\*Lorraine will send minutes to Dan and Cheryl after board approval; will send e-blast materials to Patty as needed.

**Llamapalooza October 11-13, 2019 Austin MN -** Kim Schechinger

The show was cancelled in 2018, because it was not financially feasible with only 13 halter entries and 33 performance entries.

\* Action Item

Discussion: This is the Midwest Llama Association's show, and there is a strong desire to continue it; however, we need participation and volunteers to help. Benefits of the location and plans to add fun events and classes were mentioned.

\*Julie Hendrikson will superintend with Ann Barkley as co-superintendent. Several families will help.

### **Conference 2020-** Kim Schechinger

Discussion: dates, location.

Bill Schultz made a motion to keep the conference at Stoney Creek; Katy Mazac seconded it. The motion passed.

Dan made a motion to schedule the conference for Feb 14-16, 2020; Jillian Paquette seconded it. The motion passed.

### **Youth program at Conference 2020-** Kim Schechinger

Discussion: Possible content, personnel, volunteer time commitment during the conference, and the possibility of sharing adult conference speaker.

\*A Youth Conference Committee was established: Joe Patterson, chair; members: Ella Hanson, Isaac Beck, Kylie Stafford; Floyd Zopfi will help, and Lisa Paquet also expressed interest.

\*Cheryl Pflipsen will sort the boxes of supplies.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS 2019-20**

May 3-5	Heartland (Adding costume; 200 lamas )	Mason City, IA
May 18, tentative date	Battle of the Borders	River Falls, WI
June 8-9	Badgerland	Jefferson, WI
June 14-15	Youth Show	near Grundy Center IA
August 3, 4:00 pm	Benton County Show (1-day, show from trailer or use stalls)	Sauk Rapids, MN
June 28-30	Gathering	Cedar Rapids, IA
July 13	Northern WI State Fair (4-hour show outdoors, animals check in Fri eve, leave Sun eve)	Chippewa Falls, WI
August 20-25	Marshfield Fair (1-day show, 50-60 lamas)	Marshfield, WI
August 28-30	MN State Fair	St. Paul, MN
September 14- 16	Fall Harvest	Waterloo, IA
October 11-13	Llamapalooza	Austin, MN

\*Battle of the Borders- Lisa Paquet will contact the Blanchards who volunteered to help earlier

\* Action Item

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Castration clinic by students at Univerisity of MN; 4/13/2019; low cost

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Secretary Nominations were opened, for a 2-year term.

Julie Hendrikson nominated Kris Kohloff (not present, but had indicated interest).

Dan Whittaker nominated Lorraine Kilmartin.

Bill Schultz moved close nominations; Connor Cook secondedj it  
Nominations closed.

Lorraine Kilmartin was elected by show of hands.

Treasurer Nominations were opened, for a 2-year term.

Tracey McGinnis is not running again.

Dan Whittaker nominated Art Johnson, who had self-nominated.

Bill Schultz moved to close nominations; Connor Cook seconded it.  
Nominations closed.

Art Johnson was elected by a show of hands.

\*Dan will send Art database of auction results and membership  
database; will update officers page on website.

## **Further discussion of 2020 Conference**

Dan Whittaker will send a survey for Conference feedback to aid in planning.

Fundraising for the conference:

Call for vendors: encourage vendors to show at the conference.

Support the auction at the level of support given this year.

The board is open to fundraising ideas and will support your efforts  
financially.

Brian and Patty Pattersons will look into T-shirts sales.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Connor Cook moved to adjourn the meeting; Bill Schultz seconded it. The  
motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorraine Kilmartin  
MWLA Secretary