

LFA Minutes – December 2, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM. EST. Present and attending were Keith Wattigney, Larry Kisner, Phil Feiner, John McDougall, Doug Overman, Mike Gerken, Fran Soukup, Carol Ann Tallmon and Pam Jensen.

The minutes from the October 1, 2008 meeting were reviewed. On motion of Phil Feiner, and seconded by Fran Soukup, the minutes were approved.

The financial report was given by Phil Feiner, treasurer. After discussion on several areas that needed clarification, on motion of Pam Jensen, seconded by Carol Ann Tallmon, the financial report was approved.

ELECTION UPDATE – There was nothing new to report. Final ballots were due in by 12/6/08. Phil Feiner will report to President Mike Gerken the persons elected, and Mike Gerken will notify the new board members.

Since this board is in essence a “lame duck” board with 2 members not eligible for re-election at this time, there was discussion on committees and responsibilities in which the continuing Board members had an interest. Liaison, committee participation, and board responsibilities would need continued discussion as the new members took their seats..

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORTS-

The matter of the Ag Leadership Group was discussed. It is imperative that we have students there on Sunday to help with the break down and loading of consignors and exhibitors trailers. There was a visible break down in that area this past year. Whomever is the person that will be handling this should be made aware they need to contact Otis Armstrong, the supervisor of the Ag Leadership Group, as soon as possible and get things arranged before the event is here.

Catering is an area that we need consistency in. John McDougall indicated that perhaps his wife, Debra, would once again agree to be the contact with the caterer – Dostal Catering. Larry Kisner indicated he would be glad to assist Debra in this matter.

The area of the Silent Auction – Fran Soukup indicated she would be glad to continue to be the head of this group. A new board member or others are welcome to join in this effort.

The herd sire auction – Carol Ann Tallmon expressed an interest in this area. She and Mike Gerken will be working on obtaining sires for the auction at the fall event.

Consignment committee – Doug Overman again volunteered to be head of this committee and Keith Wattigney also agreed to stay on. One more person will be needed to fill out this area.

Vendors – Pam Jensen will head up this department. Another board member will need to be a part of this committee.

ALSA show – Doug Overman requested he be the head of this committee. Doug and Carol Ann Tallmon will head up the committee.

Obstacle courses- this matter was left open for discussion at the January meeting when the new board members are seated. There was some discussion on the popularity of these events, although they are not the greatest money makers. It was suggested the jackpots be moved so as to be contiguous with either the Fall Harvest Show or the Futurity, in order to save judges' expenses.

Futurities – this matter was left for discussion at the January meeting when the new board members are seated. The Amateur Futurity seems to be lacking in entry numbers. Discussion is needed on whether or not to continue the Amateur Futurity. If continued, the Amateur Futurity could be held on Sunday, to decrease judges' expenses by holding this event on a separate day. The new BOD will also need to discuss the continuance of the Non-breeder Futurity.

Photographer – Joel Armstrong was the photographer. The LFA never received pictures of the class winners from the futurity. No shots for our use in LamaLink. Joel was to supply Phil Feiner with a DVD and index of the photos that we could use in our final wrap up. It was not forthcoming. Perhaps we need to find a new photographer that is more agreeable and receptive to the needs of the LFA.

SPONSORED FUTURITIES- Phil Feiner reported that thus far there are two (2) requests for LFA sponsored futurities:

Barb Parson – Badgerland Futurity – on motion of Phil Feiner, seconded by Pam Jensen, this request was approved.

Justin Timm – Just requested the LFA “blessings” at his new llama/alpaca/camel show in Oregon. He is not asking for prize money, but our blessings. Further asked if we would pay for the ribbons for the futurity. After discussion, it was indicated that Phil Feiner was to get back to Justin and have him resubmit his request for LFA sponsorship. New board to discuss further.

No request has been received from Ag Fest in Oregon yet. Not yet organized.

Carol Ann Tallmon indicated that the question of an LFA futurity even in Las Vegas was brought up by some members(?). Carol Ann indicated that a hotel out there has the facility to host such an event. There was lots of discussion and the matter went no further at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A note from Ken West was read concerning lowering the minimum bid to \$1000 from the current \$2000. Discussion was had on this topic. The new board is to revisit this matter.

We need a vigorous push for sponsors this year. This is where our prize money comes from. Without sponsors we cannot continue to pay out high premiums. Carol Ann Tallmon volunteered to make calls for sponsors. Pam Jensen also indicated she is willing to make calls. Already have a new sponsor in Rick and Mary Adams from Scaramento, CA. area. We need lots more.

Fran Soukup indicated she is willing to take over the website revisions and e-mail blasts that Phil Feiner had handled in the past. Phil will transfer the needed information to Fran.

Discussion was held concerning joining the North American Show in November for our LFA event. The North American is held in Louisville, Kentucky. The November dates and the problems associated with it (too late, weather) as well as moving east and how it could affect people being able to participate. These issues are for the new Board to discuss.

There being no more business to come before the board, it was indicated that the secretary will initiate the next board call.

A very sincere thank you is extended to Phil Feiner and John McDougall. Both departing board members have given above and beyond the call of duty to The LFA. Their guidance and board presence will be sorely missed by all. The continuing board members vow to continue in the direction that Phil and John have pointed The LFA, and feel that the two incoming board members will only add to the strong presence of The LFA in the llama industry. Phil and John, we will miss you, and we will do you proud.

On motion of Doug Overman, seconded by Fran Soukup, meeting is adjourned.

Next board meeting will be January 6, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Jensen, Secretary