# Board Meeting Agenda

**Board of Directors:**

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| Mike Vigus, President | Joe Crocco, Treasurer | Andy Merriwether, Director |
| Jeff Williamson, Vice President | Vern Butler, Director (Absent) | Laurel Shouvlin, Director |
| Steve Aitchison, Secretary | Patty Hasselbring, Director | Karen Ball, Director |

**Executive Director:** Bud Synhorst

**Guests:** Margie Ault, AOA Show System Admin & Jeri Booher, SRC Chair

**Meeting:** Conference Call - **September 25, 2018**
6:00 PM Eastern Time

Meeting called to order by Vigus at 6:08 PM.

**1.0 SRC Presentation** Ault/Booher

Show System Administrator, Margie Ault, and SRC Chairperson, Jerilyn Booher, attended the start of the meeting to review the suggested changes to the Show System Handbook for 2019. Shouvlin moved to accept the changes as recommended by the SRC, and Aitchison seconded. Vote 7-0 (Ball abstained, Merriwether absent).

**2.0 Approve Minutes of August 28, 2018 Meeting** Aitchison

Tabled until minutes could be shared on 9/26/2018

**3.0 Financial Reports** Crocco

**3.1** August 31, 2018 Financial Report

The Fiber Extravaganza is in the black and otherwise finances are solid on the whole - AOA is in the black. Merriwether joined meeting at 6:29 during finance report.

**3.2** August 31, 2018 Report to Post to Membership

With a couple of minor edits, the board approved the Financial Report to post to the membership.

**4.0 Old Business**

**4.1** Alpaca Owner Status Vigus

At a past meeting, the AOA Board requested that Synhorst work with AOA Attorney Visani to recommend language to change the benefits of the Alpaca Owner level in the AOA Policies. The "Alpaca Owner" will no longer have the ability to register and transfer alpacas, making that function a benefit only for the Registry and Association levels of membership. Williamson moved that we accept the changed benefits as recommended effective January 1, 2019, and Crocco seconded. Vote7-1 (Shouvlin voting no). Motion passed.

**4.2** Other Old Business — Vigus

Merriwether followed up with member who requested AOA provide tax/audit assistance with the IRS.

Board discussed possible retreat or gathering of board members either at the new board member Orientation or at the Fiber Extravaganza in 2019. Synhorst will discuss with legal counsel about changing voting/results calendar so that a retreat may include incoming board members each year.

**5.0 New Business** — Vigus

No new business.

**6.0 Executive Director Update** — Synhorst

**6.1** Dashboard

Synhorst had a discussion with Brett Kaysen and the member who presented at the August meeting to follow up on the EPD suggestions. Synhorst will have more to present in October. Board reviewed the updates to the Dashboard and approved its release to the membership.

**7.0 Committee and Other Reports**

**7.1** Government and Industry Relations Committee — Merriwether

GIRCom dealt with developing some emergency response protocols and establishing some business viability models.

**7.2** Judge Training and Certification Committee — Williamson

Updating the Show Evaluation Form and responding to the JAC's movement to update fleece scoring.

**7.3** Judges Advisory Committee — Aitchison

First draft of article on health and safety issues for showing alpacas was presented. Also discussed make sure all walking fleece judges are using consistent procedures.

**7.4** Show Rules Committee — Shouvlin

Updating the Show Evaluation Form and responding to the JAC's movement to update fleece scoring.

**7.5** Fiber and Fiber Products Committee — Ball

Ball presented a new potential member for the committee, Charlene Schmid, and the board approved her addition. The board discussed the importance of picking a good keynote speaker for next year's Extravaganza.

**7.6** Alternative Products Committee — Butler (Absent)

**7.7** Membership Committee — Hasselbring

Discussed ILR certification and Margie Ault will begin developing the implementation plan. Also covered the importance of informing members of their benefits.

**7.8** Affiliates Council — Vigus

Thirteen affiliate presidents in attendance discussed how to make shows more successful and how people were dealing with Hurricane Florence disasters.

**7.9** Ad hoc Youth Committee — Shouvlin

Nothing new to report

**7.10** US Alpaca Fiber Council — Ball

Nothing new to report

## 8.0 Meeting Wrap

**8.1** Contact the Board Update Vigus

**8.1.1** Subsidy Concept — Ball

Board discussed a member's inquiry about providing subsidies to members in their business endeavors that support the growth of the alpaca industry. Ball will write response that will be approved by BOD letting the inquirer know that the topic will be discussed after the Strategic Plan has been developed.

**8.1.2** Judge Issue — Vigus

A member sent a letter to various directors raising concerns about a particular judge at a spring show. The board discussed the complaint and Synhorst reviewed how complaints or judge related issues are handled by staff and committees, and that the matter had been discussed with the Show System Administrator. A more formal method of filing complaints will be developed for future use, including a clear process for members to understand how their input is handled by staff. Board President Vigus will write a response to the member.

**8.1.3** Class Order — Vigus

Tabled for discussion at next meeting.

**8.2** Action Items — Williamson/Synhorst

**8.3** Next Meeting — **October 23, 2018 via conference call** — Vigus

**8.4** Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM Eastern. — Vigus