

New Mexico Alpaca Breeders Meeting
1/24/07 Minutes

Vice President Lynne Fatkin called the meeting to order at 12:10.

In attendance:

Mark Hogan	Melita Clark	Kristi Larkin
Susan Sasser	Kent Sasser	Linda Crooks
Lou Crooks	Louise Hazen	Bob Hazen
Anne Stallcup	Dean Kahlich	Linda Kahlich
Luca Tossani	Melinda Tossani	Leslie Stoddard
William Stoddard	Cheryl Louie	Robert Louie
Mary Black	Lynne Fatkin	Al Fatkin
Bob Wargowsky	Thomas Jordan	Russa Bates
Bruce Campbell	Mickey Wright	Evelyn Simons
Deirdre Murphy		

Thank you Lynne and Al Fatkin for opening your home to the NMAB meeting.

Mickey Wright, President's Report:

Welcomed new members and guests.

Thanks to Cynthia Day for the 1st edition on the newsletter. The next newsletter will be a huge success because it will be our herdsire edition. The newsletter contains good reference material.

The Navajo Technical College Extension Service has asked for assistance from NMAB regarding herdsires service. Through further discussion, a committee to liaison with the Navajos was formed and suggested a field trip to the ranches and providing community service. Dean Kahlich suggested that we find a centrally located site. The volunteers are:

Mickey Wright
Cynthia Daly
Bob Wargowsky
Evelyn Simons
Bob Hazen
Dean Kahlich
Deirdre Murphy

Mickey spoke about the Taos Fiber Festival. We need someone to represent NMAB at the Festival that is held the first weekend in October.

Bob Wargowsky said it would be interesting if we could get someone to work on the Taos Fiber Festival. Perhaps a team of 3 people could work together. This is a non-certified show.

Mickey also suggested that it is in our best interest to belong to other alpaca organizations such as ABR, Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas, etc., and we should join as many as we can afford.

Mickey passed out the AVID microchip information. Bob Wargowsky said that it is the owner's responsibility to show up with a reader to read the chips according to the Show Rules.

Deirdre Murphy, Secretary's Report:

Minutes were accepted as presented.

Mark Hogan, Treasurer's report:

The beginning balance of the checking account since the last report of November 18 is from the last statement of October 31, 2006 of the First Community Bank is \$14,851.63

The ending balance of the checking account as of the bank statement of January 31, 2007 from the First Community Bank is \$15,013.90.

Total Income from dues and raffle \$3,368.00

Total Expenses from the period \$1,490.83

With the current balance of 01/31/07 minus outstanding checks and added income the New Mexico Alpaca Breeders has a balance of \$15,168.34 in the checking account at the First Community Bank of New Mexico.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

The Banner's have been printed and were handed out to the Farm Member's at the meeting. Associate Members may purchase a banner for \$25.00

A motion was presented to the floor that additional banners could be purchased for \$25.00. This motion was approved.

Mark further reported that the company that produced the banners can also produce, from the art work, magnetic signs, etc., and the company's contact information is located on the back of the banner.

Lynne Fatkin, Vice President's report:

Lynne reviewed the upcoming seminars that include:

- 1) Fiber sorting for profit
- 2) Fiber herds

Handouts regarding the upcoming seminar were distributed. The seminar will be beneficial to all. We need to focus on fiber going forward.

Lynne also reported that she had sent a survey out at the previous meeting and has not received response from all the members.

Anne Stallcup, Membership Committee Report:

Currently we have 44 members of which 33 renewed their membership and 11 are new members. New members include:

Raymond and Barbara Roybal
Dean and Linda Kahlich
Ian Watt
Delores and Eric Mayer
Linnea Laurila
Bob and Louise Hazen
Catherine and Richard Minarik
Larry Kindrick
Sue Williams
Deborah Dassler

Anne reported that the traffic is holding on the website. We are receiving 15,000 hits per year. Since many of us have our own websites, it would be to our best interest to link to the NMAB site. If you want to have your web site linked to NMAB, please contact Anne Stallcup. In addition, NMAB Alpacanation members should also be linked to our web site.

The Membership Handbooks were presented at the meeting. Thank you Anne and your committee for the Handbooks.

Bob Wargowski, State Fair:

Bob reported that he is happy to be the Superintendent for the 2007 State Fair and the Alpaca Show means a lot to the venue. The State Fair subsidizes 95% of the Alpaca Show in the Dairy Barn. We are, in fact, the only show in the barn at that time but this may change in the future. Bob has 2 pages of changes that he has recorded from last year's Fair. The stall design is set the way they are which is 6' X 12'.

Fleece Show or Composite Show – we hardly have the support to put on the Halter Show. We could possibly do a Fleece Show but we could not do a Composite Show. Fleece is starting to become a big draw.

Leslie Stoddard asked: Is it profitable to do a Fleece Show?

Bob responded: It would be beneficial for us to try. The resources are critical and we would need volunteers, volunteers, and volunteers.

For the State Fair we need to:

1. Organize volunteers
2. Market the Alpaca Show so that it would cater to new breeders

Anne Stallcup suggested that we need someone to man the NMAB table throughout the Alpaca Show.

Dean Kahlich suggested that we review the stall positions because those people who are new to alpacas are highly excited. Those who participate in sponsorship at a higher level should get a better stall placement. Bob asked Dean to email him regarding his suggestion.

Dean Kahlich also suggested "mentor farms" and Bob felt that this was a good suggestion for the Show Committee.

Kent Sasser asked what do you need in regard to the Show Committee? Bob responded with:

- 1) Halter
- 2) Marketing
- 3) Exploring fleece

Bob stated that the committee for the State Fair be formed by NMAB. The State Fair will probably be Sept 8th to the 23rd. Kent Sasser suggested that we get a committee of Chair together to begin working on the State Fair Show.

Mikey asked what is the most important thing to get done and Bob stated it is the AOBA class changes.

Anne Stallcup suggested a mentoring sponsorship. Also, at the OK Show, they walked someone through the show ring prior to the beginning of the show. This allowed everyone to see what to expect when they are showing their animals.

Susan Sasser reported on both the evacuation plan and the AOBA Show Rule changes. Christy Larkin has a copy of the evacuation plan and will provide it to Susan. The evacuation plan was developed to move animals in case of fire. The plan became bogged down due to the liability. Susan suggested that if you would like to be a ranch that receives animals please sign up.

AOBA Show Rule changes – there are 14 pages of show rule changes and Susan suggested that each of us review the changes and read our show book.

Next meeting will be April 29th at the Hilton in Albuquerque.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm