

**NEW MEXICO ALPACA BREEDERS MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2008**  
**ADOBE FARMS ALPACAS**  
**ANCHO, NM**

Vice-President Lynne called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm

In attendance:

Anne Stallcup	Melita Clark	Mark Hogan	Cynthia Daly
Kathryn Ray	Colin Masterson	Barb Troje	Luca Tossani
Melinda Tossani	Mary MacGyver	Leslie Stoddard	Bill Herman
Rod Dakan	Marilyn Dakan	Roberto Ibarra	Marilyn Knudsen
Tom Berryman	Marianne Williamson	Lynne Fatkin	Rose Winger
Barb Peter	Kathy Boyd	Garry Boyd	Shawna Boyd
Susan Sasser	Robert Louie	Cheryl Louie	Dean Kahlich
Linda Kahlich	(There were 3 others in attendance who did not sign in)		

Welcome to all and thank you to Dean and Linda Kahlich for hosting the meeting.

**Vice-President's & Education Chair Report (Lynne Fatkin):**

The 2008 seminar will be a Neonatal Clinic scheduled for June 21 and 22. The place and the topic for 6/22/08 have not yet been determined. We are looking at Santa Fe and Albuquerque for location. Some ideas suggested for topics for the 22<sup>nd</sup> were bio-security, blood draws/what to look for, and info on older alpacas. Email Lynn with other ideas.

**Secretary's Report**

Anne Stallcup circulated the minutes from the last meeting for Deirdre Murphy. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report (Mark Hogan):**

Mark reported income from membership renewal and new memberships was \$4350.00; expenses were \$354.18, leaving a current balance of \$16,557.23. We will be taking out a \$5000.00 CD for 6 months for an investment rate of 3%. Proceeds to NMAB from the State Fair from 05 to 07 was \$2430.00 – the check is in the mail.

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

**Membership and Website (Anne Stallcup)**

The membership number for this year is about the same as last year: 38 farm members and 6 associate members. Three new members joined today, and a new membership passed out to all present. An update will be done in April and before the State Fair.

Anne reported she has added pages for classifieds and fiber resources. They will be taken down if they are not used. She would like to do an events type page for show results. Send her info on show results since January and any information on open ranch days, or anything else ranches are doing.

OLD BUSINESS

**State Fair 2008 (Roberto Ibarra)**

Roberto reported that we had 232 animals at the 07 show. We should receive a check next week.

Roberto, Anne & Susan met with Nathan, the superintendent for the state fair livestock show. They discussed support from fair if we need it, the need for 2 rings as the show has grown, the barn has been fixed so we won't have to deal with flooding of stalls next year if it rains, and the number of stalls we need and how to get them set up correctly and the right kind. Anne mentioned that it would be good if we could solicit help from the fair workers to help with set up – help is needed on Thursday for cleaning and cloroxing the stalls. Documentation for the show needs to be in to AOBA 120 days prior to the show.

We have one potential judge, Kevin O'Leary and we are looking for a second judge. Volunteers for show are needed now. The following positions were mentioned and those who volunteered are:

Gatekeeper:  
 Barn Manager: Anne Stallcup  
 Color Check: Susan Sasser  
 Announcer & Clerk:  
 Ring Steward: Dean Kahlich  
 Promotion: Mary MacGyver  
 Dinner: Lynne Fatkin

A message will be sent out to the membership to solicit help/volunteers. A sign up sheet was passed around for people to sign up to help. The dates for the show are September 20 and 21, 2008.

The need for an events coordinator was discussed. It was suggested we may need a team of people to do this. We would like to do some promotion in order to bring people in from other livestock industries. We discussed having the food off site and changing the performance class to Saturday in order to have better attendance.

We will have online entries only as the state fair is unable to change their procedures. Anne thought maybe we could allow mail in entries to Roberto and Anne early. We mentioned raising the entry fees, stall fees to \$40.00, and sponsorships in order to generate more money for the association.

Roberto would like to have a core group of about 4 people to work with him. Contact him if you are interested.

**Rancho de Las Golondrinas –June 2008 (Susan Sasser)**

Let Susan know if you would like to participate in the June and/or in the fall. You can take products and alpacas. Those interested can get together to coordinate the booth.

**NMAB Newsletter online (Cynthia Daly)**

Send any ideas or info for the newsletter to Cynthia. The next deadline will be April.

NEW BUSINESS**Nominations and Vote for Events Coordinator (Lynne)**

Cheryl Louie nominated Mary MacGyver for events coordinator. It was seconded by Melita Clark. The vote passed, and Mary accepted.

Rod Dakan mentioned that perhaps this should be a paid position. Roberto thought this should be taken under consideration by the board.

**Nominations for BOD – Vote at July Meeting (Lynne/Anne/Mark)**

The following people volunteered to have their names placed on the ballot for BOD:

Treasurer: Mark Hogan  
Membership Chair: Melinda Tossani  
Secretary: Cynthia Daly  
President: no volunteer  
Vice-President – no volunteer

Nominations can continue to be taken. Election of the board will be held at the June seminar meeting.

**Shearing 2008 (Lynne)**

Cynthia is working with Mark Laughagan shearers. Contact her if you would like to get in on this schedule. Marilyn is coordinating with some shearers from New Zealand for the Santa Fe area. Contact her for more info.

**Money-Making Ideas for NMAB (Mark Hogan)**

Mark asked for suggestions for money making ideas. Some ideas mentioned were pens, bumper stickers, license plate holders, posters, vests to be sold at \$25.00 ea. or \$40.00 for 2, shirts and hats. Send any ideas you may have to Mark.

**Other:**

Lynne gave a brief report on Fiber to Fashion – she and Mary taught 2 classes and there seemed to be a lot of interest in the discussion of EPDs.

**Next meeting will be in June immediately following the neo-natal seminar at AlpacaWorks on Sunday, June 22.**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.**