

Minutes for NMAB Meeting
Sunday, July 12 , 2009, Leslie Stoddard's, Albuquerque Alpacas

The NMAB meeting was held after the seminar **Developing Alpaca Breeding Strategies through Herd Assessment and Performance Records**, given by David Barboza (AOBA & IAJS Certified Judge) and Brett Kaysen (PhD Colorado State University). Thanks to Leslie for providing such a wonderful venue for this informative event.

Leslie mentioned that since the seminar was so reasonably priced it would most likely not make a profit for NMAB. It was, instead, intended to fulfill the educational component of the NMAB goals. She asked that we please share what information we had gained with others and that members please contribute ideas for the next educational seminar.

Regarding the election: In order to stagger the board positions and to follow the by-laws, it was hoped that voting could be done for VP and Secretary; however, too few members were present. A mail-in election will be held.

Regarding the State Fair: Rick Metcalf is handling the superintendent duties, including certification of the show. Leslie reported Rick's suggestion that next year certification be handled by the Event Coordinator prior to the show. Participants can now register either through the AOBA website or through the Expo New Mexico website. Leslie said that e-blasts will be going out in the coming week urging people to register. Rick is working on a deadline extension, although at this point we should assume that this will happen. The current deadline is August 7, 2009. This year's show will be held on National Alpaca Day, and it is hoped that this will be a convenient opportunity for everyone to participate at the fairgrounds instead of holding individual events at their farms.

This year Bob Wargowsky will be Barn Manager, Evelyn Simons will again head up the raffle, and Mickey Wright is in charge of volunteers. Rob Ibarra is the Assistant Superintendent. It is hoped that everyone will donate something (an item or service) for the raffle and procure donations (or give ideas of donations to Mary McGyver, Event Coordinator). Please email Evelyn to inform her of your donations. Mary reported that there will be no price change in Meet and Greet admission and the same venue will be used. Mary also asked for ideas for larger sponsorship participants, such as businesses and organizations. Onate Feed was suggested, as well as local fiber guilds, Village Wools and Fiber Chicks. Everyone was encouraged to volunteer for the show; if you are unaware of what job you would like, you are asked to volunteer for whatever amount of time you can give whenever you can be available. Marilyn Knudson noted that she has the trunk with vests and other "equipment" necessary for volunteers. Leslie called for a meeting of the Steering Committee and it was decided that the time should be decided on according to what most of the members could commit to. All NMAB members are welcome at the Steering Committee meeting.

Regarding National Alpaca Farm Day: It was noted that participants can download NAFD posters (8 1/2x11) from the AOBA website and that posters will also be mailed out soon. Leslie also mentioned that she and Mary will make sure that the State Fair location is listed on the Location Finder on the AOBA website. Leslie asked that everyone commit to putting up five of the downloadable posters around town.

The next meeting will be held at Marilyn Knudsen and Rob Ibarra's in Placitas on Saturday, October 24th.