

New Mexico Alpaca Breeders

Quarterly Meeting-071010

Attending: Leslie Stoddard, Evelyn Simons, Melinda Tossani, Sandy & Lee Liggett, Louise & Bob Hazen, Ric Metcalf, Mark Hogan, Mary Ann Andrews, Barbara & Raymond Roybal, Sherry Willis & Peggy Rustin, Carolyn & John Fifield, Cheryl & Bob Louie, Kathy & Bill Herman, Marilyn Knudsen, Linda Crooks, Gretchen Warner, Anne Stallcup,)

Meeting called to order at 12:07 PM

Welcome – Leslie expressed her thanks to the organization for allowing her the opportunity to be president these last two years and for all the support from the membership.

Secretary's Report- Leslie announced that Marilyn had stepped down for personal reasons and that Leslie and Lee will assure that the note taking responsibilities are covered until a new Secretary is elected. No further report.

Treasurer's Report - Mark gave an executive summary of the report and indicated that a full report will be attached to these Minutes.

Some questions from the floor were asked regarding the seemingly poor financial condition of the organization.. Mark explained his report only covered the current quarter which included expenses for the recent education program. The organization is not in financial difficulty which will be seen by the complete financial report.

Due to a suggestion from the members present Leslie asked Mark to look for a bank that would not charge fees and report his findings to the October meeting.

Anne request that a "Thank You" note be sent to TXOLAN for their contributing \$2,500 toward the recent education program.

Motion - acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Anne, 2nd Bill Herman - **motion passed.**

Membership report- get from (42 members) Melinda

Old Business:

- **Election of new officers is underway.** Election deadline: Bill Herman is handling. Deadline for receiving ballots is 45 days after ballot was mailed to membership. Bill will check when ballot went out and an announcement will be sent to the membership.
- **Convergence:**
 - Dates & Times to man NMAB booth send to Anne
 - Goal is to promote alpaca, fleece and members ranches

New Mexico State Fair:

- Ric Metcalf (Alpaca event superintendent) gave up-date

- Committee volunteers:
 - Vol. Coordinator - MaryAnn Andrews (assts – John Fifield & Lee Liggett)
 - Event Coordinator - Sandy Liggett
 - Fleece Superintendent – Anne Stallcup; (asst. Bob Louie)
 - Raffle – Evelyn Simons
 - Gate Keeper – Gretchen
- Steering Committee – Ric, Marilyn, Leslie, Sandy, Ric, Bob Wargowsky
 - Rick will conduct Steering Committee via conference call
- Leslie indicated that a volunteer is needed to pickup back drop for the photographer (no one volunteered during meeting)
- Photographer will be the same as last year and NMAB will pay his mileage
- Saturday night dinner location recommendations should be sent to Sandy

New Business:

- Mary Anne proposed that a committee to study holding alpaca & fleece show sans NM State Fair be appointed--- Volunteering for the committee: Mary Ann, Anne S., Marilyn Knudsen, Sandy, Lee, Ric (a notice will be sent to the membership asking for volunteers)
- Education ideas for next year should be sent to Leslie
- Ethics & Code of conduct will be discussed at October meeting.
- Discussion occurred around the need to market NM alpaca and where and how to do so.
 - Email blast will be sent to membership soliciting committee volunteers
- October 16, 2010 next quarterly meeting @ Maryann's
- Blog site- Bill Herman volunteered to set this up
- Webmaster-we need volunteers to contact Anne.
- Raffle was held. (Suggestion made to limit winners to one prize)

Meeting Adjourned - 2:10 PM