



## **Member Meeting May 13, 2015**

**Call to Order:** The general meeting of New Mexico Alpaca Breeders was called to order at 12:45 on June 13, 2015 in Corrales, NM, at Sandia View Alpacas by Stacie Chavez, outgoing NMAB president. Stacie welcomed the incoming board members:

**President:** David Hunter (Puerta del Sol Alpacas), **Vice-President:** Rhonda Seybert (Humming Desert Alpacas), **Treasurer:** Tehani Hogan (Akasha Alpacas), **Secretary:** Mickey Wright (Aspen Ridge Alpacas), and **Membership Chair:** Barbara Roybal (Rancho de Los Sueños)

**Attendees:** Mickey Wright and Evelyn Simons (Aspen Ridge Alpacas), David Hunter and Kathy Richardson (Puerta del Sol Alpacas), Susan Mikulec (Sandia View Alpacas), Bob and Louise Hazen (Blue Mesa Alpacas, LLC), Mark and Jody Skates (Portas Nirvana Alpacas), Bill Herman (Hollywick Farms Alpacas), Barbara and Larry Roybal (Rancho de Los Sueños), Jennie Rodriguez (Corrales Lil' Critters), Tom and Dorene Freese (Joe-D's Alpaca Ranch), Rhonda Seybert (Humming Desert Alpacas), Tehani Hogan (Akasha Alpacas), Stacie Chavez (Albuquerque Alpacas), Cheryl and Robert Louie (Sundancer Alpacas), and Diane and Tim Blackburn (Cielo Azul Alpacas)

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the last meeting were not available.

**Financial Report:** No Report at today's meeting.

### **Financial Issues**

**Suspension of Dues:** Motion by Cheryl Louie, second by Stacie Chavez to suspended dues until January 2016 except for new members. Motion carried.

**Transfer of Bank Signatories:** Within a week from June 13 meeting, Lee Liggett (with Bill Herman's authorization letter) will meet with Tehani Hogan and Rhonda Seybert at Wells Fargo bank to change joint signatories for NMAB checks.

**NM Non-Profit Report:** Bill Herman agreed to submit NM Non-Profit Report 2014 (due May 2015) as his last act as VP. Rhonda Seybert will take over this task for the 2015 Report.

**Audit Committee:** Larry Roybal, Kathy Richardson, and Tom Freese will make sure all financial records are in order.

**Hosting Compensation:** Lee will send \$100 to Sandia View Alpacas for hosting our NMAB meeting today and Humming Desert Alpacas for hosting last December.

**Recovery of Embezzled NMAB Funds:** Bill Herman said that Lee has been unable to get movement on this case because the amount embezzled is not enough for Albuquerque Police Department's white-collar crime unit's attention. Lee doesn't see much chance for NMAB to recover the funds. Prosecution unlikely.

**Donation:** Stacie Chavez said that past BOD approved \$1000 for a Student Design Competition. The student design completion is awarded at the National Fleece Show in Denver at the end of this month.

### NMAB Communication Issues

**Constant Contact:** Bill Herman proposed Constant Contact at \$160/six months for emails to membership.

**Openherd:** John Fifield has been managing communications through Openherd with NMAB website hosted for \$200/year. Members can pay extra for upgrading their individual content and outreach.

**Facebook:** NMAB's current Facebook through John Fifield needs updating and modification. David Hunter will contact Jennifer Polle regarding cost of FB workshop. NMAB Facebook pages could be useful for listing resources and sharing farm and association news. At present the NMAB website has a library. BOD will consider funding workshop since members present expressed an interest.

David noted the current resource library on the NMAB website needs updating. Members should be able to submit valuable information, tips, and contacts to the Communications Committee for uploading to the website. There was no further discussion or course of action agreed upon since much depends on how the website will be modified and updated.

**Google Interactive Communication:** David has knowledge of how to streamline communications with BOD and the membership using Google. Google communication is now being implemented. Updates to follow.

**Membership Information:** Kathy Richardson, outgoing membership chair, will transfer membership information to Barbara Roybal, incoming membership chair.

**Communications Committee:** Bill Herman and Bob Hazen agreed to work on communication issues. They will contact Rosemary Metcalf in hopes that she will agree to be on the committee. Rosemary gave a workshop on marketing and would be an excellent resource.

### Fiber

**Fiber Committee:** Sue Mikulec is heading a group of fiber enthusiasts that will plan future events and collect information pertinent to alpaca fiber. The members of Sue's committee are

Dorene Freese, Barbara Roybal, Rhonda Seybert, Jenny Rodriguez, Evelyn Simons, and Anne Stallcup.

### **New Business**

**Change of Board of Directors:** Outgoing BOD will make available all documents to the incoming BOD. Documents should be sent by the end of June either by email or snail mail.

**Staggered Elections:** David suggested that for this term we have two offices for two years and two offices for three years. This would insure continuity and would be in line with the bylaws. It was also mentioned that two offices could be for one year.

**Bylaw Review Committee:** Bill Herman will ask for volunteers for a Bylaw Review Committee to meet in July. Association bylaws need a review and possible modification. A committee needs to be formed. The committee would present suggestions to the BOD. Two-thirds of the membership must approve any changes.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- June 26-28, National Fleece Show in Denver. Contact Anne Stallcup at Que Sera Enterprises (505) 310-3369 [queseraalpacos@aol.com](mailto:queseraalpacos@aol.com). Anne will take your fleeces and samples to the show.
- August 13-15, [The Suri Networks All Suri Fleece Show](#) in Loveland, CO
- August 21-22, Fiber Skirting Workshop with Stacey Heights at Albuquerque Alpacas. You may attend one or both days. \$80 per person to cover expenses. Limit 15 attendees. Contact Stacie Chavez at Albuquerque Alpacas (505) 239-5432 [stacie505@gmail.com](mailto:stacie505@gmail.com)
- October 10 at 11:00: NMAB Meeting at Aspen Ridge Alpacas. Contact Mickey Wright or Evelyn Simons at (575) 829-3312 [mickey@aspenridgealpacos.com](mailto:mickey@aspenridgealpacos.com)
- November 13-15, [A-OK Alpaca Blast Off](#) in Guthrie, OK

**Sharing from Individual Farms/Ranches:** Stacie Chavez showed the alpaca poo products she and Rhonda Seybert sell at a local farmers' market. In burlap bags (purchased from ULINE) are shredded (Rhonda shreds) dried alpaca beans with directions. In addition, Stacie has plastic jars (from ULINE) with alpaca tea. The labels come from Vistaprint.

### **Adjournment**

2:20 PM motion to adjourn by Bob Hazen, second by Larry Roybal, Motion carried.

The next general meeting will be at 12:00 (11:00 for lunch) on October 10, 2015, north of Jemez Springs at Aspen Ridge Alpacas of Northern New Mexico (The Alpaca Barnhaus is available for overnights at no charge. The Alpaca Barnhaus has two bedrooms upstairs and a single bed downstairs. Photos and description at [www.vrbo.com/217221](http://www.vrbo.com/217221) ) October is a perfect time to visit the Jemez Mountains as the aspen fall colors will be on display.

Members toured the alpaca barn in the rain.

Thank you, Sue and Brian Mikulec, for hosting the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Mickey Wright

**Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

Please email possible agenda items to David at [puertadelsolalpacas@gmail.com](mailto:puertadelsolalpacas@gmail.com)

- Welcome new members
- Committee Reports
- Farm demonstration or presentation (volunteers?)
- Discuss Christmas Party (meet at a restaurant in Albuquerque?)