



**New Mexico Alpaca Breeders  
Quarterly meeting held on January 21, 2017**

Meeting held at the home of David Hunter, NMAM President; San Antonio, New Mexico

Attendees: Doreen and Tom Freeze  
Jenny Rodriguez  
Stacy: Guest  
Barbara and Larry Roybal  
Kathy Richardson and David Hunter

**Meeting called to order** by NMAB President David Hunter at 1:15 PM, January 21, 2017

David indicated that a Quorum was not present for the meeting, thus the meeting will be limited to sharing of information and discussion of topics. No votes will take place.

Kathy Richardson distributed 2017 promotional calendars to the attending members courtesy of Puerta Del Sol Alpaca Ranch.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** David suggested modification to the draft minutes of the previous meeting to identify Tehani Hogan and Diane Blackburn as present. Discussion between Doreen Freeze and Barbara Roybal took place clarifying attendees present at the previous meeting. The changes will be made to the minutes and available for review and approval at the next meeting.

**Discussion of "New Officers":** Anne Stallcup is the new Vice President and Barbara Roybal was re-elected to continue as the Membership Chair. They will serve two year terms through June 2019. This is consistent with the by-laws requiring staggered terms for NMAB Officers. In 2018, the following office(s) will be up for election; President, Secretary and Treasurer. The NMAB Board will discuss and verify these dates during their next Board meeting.

**New Business Discussion:**

**Topic: Meal Allowance for Ranches hosting Quarterly Meetings:** It was suggested that meals served at future meetings be on a "Pot-Luck" basis. The \$100 made available to the hosting "Alpaca Ranch" would be discussed by the Board and options presented at the next NMAB Quarterly Meeting.

**Topic: Potential Field Trips:** Members discussed attending various "Alpaca" events in the future;

TxOLAN Show – Feb 10-12, 2017  
National Alpaca Show in Denver – March 2017  
Great Western Alpaca Show in Denver – May 2017

#### AOA Fiber Show – July 2017

Discussion: Members voiced an interest in attending Alpaca events for reasons varying from meeting /visiting with Vendors, Processing Mills and actually seeing a Show. Members suggested that the Organization may make scholarships available to members in good standing wanting to attend these or similar future events. It was suggested that the Board discuss this topic at their next Board meeting and report their position to the full membership.

**Discussion regarding the Sorting and Grading of Alpaca Fiber** by color to enable members to possibly approach a Mill to process fiber for roving, batts or yarn at a bulk price rather than smaller quantities. (More discussion to follow.)

#### **Committee Reports:**

The Treasurer was not present thus no Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report: Barbara Roybal noted that the 2017 Annual membership fees are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Audit Committee Report: Fraudulent ally use of NMAB funds:** Tom Freeze indicated that he had spoken with Mark Hogan regarding the maintenance of his re-payment schedule. In 2016, he (Mark) made 5 (five) payments of \$200 and missed 7 (seven) payments of the same amount. Tom requested that Mark Hogan continue to make his monthly \$200 payment and make 7 (seven) additional payments of \$200 that were missed in 2016. This would catch him up with his repayment plan. Tom Freeze emphasized to Mark Hogan that compliance to this request and maintaining his repayment schedule to its conclusion would enable the NMAB Board to for-go legal action on the matter. Tom will continue to communicate with Mark Hogan regarding this matter.

#### **Fiber Presentation:**

David Hunter attended a workshop sponsored by Shepherd's Mill. David provided detailed discussion of various blends, colors and ply(s) with many variations and shared samples of many different blended fibers and colors that were provided by the Mill.

Several members voiced a willingness to possibly have Sally Brandon from Shepherd's Mill make a presentation to the NMAB membership. Barbara Roybal volunteered to follow-up on this request and report back to the membership.

#### **Future Events:**

Puerta Del Sol will be hosting a fiber activity the last Saturday of the month through October 2017.

**Adjourn:** At 3:30 pm, Barbara Roybal made a motion to Adjourn; Doreen Freeze seconded the motion, Motion carried by unanimous consent of the attendees.