



New Mexico Alpaca Breeders (NMAB) Quarterly Meeting

Saturday July 20, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by NMAB President Kathy Herman at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Fred and Rhonda Seybert in Algodones, New Mexico.

Quorum: Kathy indicated that there was a Quorum present. This was verified by Membership Chair Barbara Roybal.

Members Present: Kathy and Bill Herman, Rhonda and Fred Seybert, Tim and Diane Blackburn, Barbara and Larry Roybal, Anne Stallcup, Lori and Barry Wood, Debby and Bill Hasse, David Hunter, Rene Zender.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read by NMAB Secretary Larry Roybal. Diane Blackburn observed that Ann Stallcup was not listed as attending the meeting and indicated that the presentation by Fred Seybert included Federal Transportation Regulations. Motion to approve the minutes with these additions was made by Ann Stallcup and seconded by The Honorable Bill Herman. Motion carried.

Conversation regarding the Dye Workshop sponsored by NMAB at Barbara Royal's home began. Barbara provided details and color samples for membership review. Kathy Herman, Diane and Tim Blackburn and David hunter provided additional insight on what they had learned from their participation regarding the unique color clarity of the samples shown. Details of the process were discussed by Diane Blackburn and further explained by David Hunter. Kathy Herman encouraged the membership to participate in these NMAB seminars as they would expand the knowledge base of the membership and Alpaca industry in New Mexico.

We jumped into an open discussion centered on a potential seminar/workshop based on "**Camelid Dynamics**". The conversation was led by Anne and supported by Kathy Herman. The conversation revolved around the following topics:

Duration of the Workshop

Written Material to be provided

Suggested topics

Possible Discounts

Early bird discounts

Potential Dates in 2020

Blacked out dates in 2019 through 2020 that Ms. Bennett was not available

Registration timelines and deadlines

Expenses and potential costs

NMAB Member Cost vs Non-Member costs

Kathy Herman made a motion to move forward on this potential Seminar. The motion was seconded by Barbara Roybal. Kathy further recommended that Anne take the lead on the development of details and communication with Ms. Bennett. The motion carried. Anne is to provide detail at the next Membership Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Tim indicated that NMAB has \$1,000 in checking and \$19,607.20 available in savings. An "Open Heard" discussion ensued regarding costs. No action was taken. Bill Herman motioned to accept the report and Anne Stallcup seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Tim Blackburn presented the Board approved 2019 – 2020 NMAB Operating Budget. The Operating Budget for the New Year would eliminate the designation of \$2k for Education. It was determined that each Educational Activity would stand on its own merit with individual details to be worked out and approved by the Board and Membership. The Budget was approved by a voice vote.

A "Donation" to the Pojoaque Valley River Arts Tour in the amount of \$200 was requested by Larry Roybal of Rancho de Los Sueños Alpaca Ranch. Motion to approve was made by Kathy and seconded by Diane Blackburn. Motion carried.

AOA Affiliate membership discussion ensued. Seems we need a minimum of ten AOA member Ranches to permit the NMAB to be designates as an AOA Affiliate. Bill Herman will take a survey of the NMAB Membership and report to the Board.

Discussion regarding a Fleece Workshop started. Anne indicated that she would contact Diane Timmermen, AOA judge, for information.

We jumped into a discussion to designate an "Education Committee". David accepted the responsibility of Chair of this committee, and enlisted Bill Hasse (not Debby) and Barry Wood as committee members. We expect to hear from this committee at the next meeting.

Membership Chair Barbara Roybal indicated that NMAB has fourteen (14) full member ranches and two (2) associate members.

Kathy initiated discussion to bring back the traditional "Raffle" to our Quarterly meetings. Debby Hasse (not Bill) agreed to be the Raffle Chair! Hooray!

Discussion regarding “Farm Member Banners” started. Seems everybody needs or wants one. David Hunter made a motion to pursue cost information for banners and Rene seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote. Kathy Herman will follow up on costs.

Discussion regarding listing local Veterinarians on the NMAB website that are available for consultation within the state took place. It was noted that many vets really had no working knowledge of Alpaca health care. No action taken on this issue.

In the **What’s New Department**, Rhonda has “Alpaca Yoga” at Humming Desert Ranch on August 10th and will be giving a demonstration on Art Felt Paper after our meeting.

At 2:47 P.M. Bill Herman said he had to go feed his animals and made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Barry Wood. Kathy chimed in to say the next Quarterly meeting would be hosted by Barry and Lori Wood in Los Lunas, NM. Motion carried by a voice vote.