



New Mexico Alpaca Breeders (NMAB) Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Call to Order: The general meeting of the New Mexico Alpaca Breeders was called to order at 1:00 PM at Rancho de Los Sueños, Pojoaque.

Board Members

President: David Hunter

Vice-President: Rhonda Seybert

Treasurer: Tehani Hogan (not present. Cria born at 3:30 AM!)

Secretary: Mickey Wright

Membership Chair: Barbara Roybal

Attendees

Mickey Wright, Evelyn Simons, Diane and Tim Blackburn, David Hunter, Kathy Richardson, Barbara and Larry Roybal, Tom Freese, Pam and David Groff, Jennie Rodriguez, Doris Wickersham, Rhonda Seybert

Approval of Minutes: David read the minutes of the NMAB meeting (February 21, 2016) Motion to approve by Pam, Seconded by Diane. Unanimously approved.

Thank you, Barbara, for taking minutes in Mickey's absence at last meeting.

Open Issues

- Staggered Elections—As per last meeting the President and Secretary and Treasurer will serve two years. The Vice-President and Membership Chair will serve one year.
 - Mickey will continue another year in her two-year obligation as Secretary.
 - Diane Blackburn will run for Membership
 - Pam Groff will run for Vice-President
 - Nominating Committee (Rhonda and Barbara) will contact Bill Herman who will send out a Mailchimp e-mail requesting additional nominations for VP and Membership to be placed on the ballot.

- According to the bylaws the nominations should have been completed prior to this meeting. We will have ballots ready for the next meeting.
- Alpaca Show Discussion: Those present at the meeting agreed that a NM show would be too expensive, and the membership must be more robust and active to put on a show. There's a possibility that we could help the Arizona alpaca breeders with a show that may be in Cottonwood (near Sedona). David will follow up on a survey he responded to regarding the Arizona show.

New Business

- Fiber Show in Oregon: \$25 per fleece. Consider entering Spin-off Deadline is June 30. Category for alpacas over ten years old. David has tags for fiber. Cash prizes. Contact David if you're interested. http://www.alpacafarmsoregon.org/Alpaca_Spin-Off.html
- Facebook Protocol Discussion: The purpose of Facebook posts is to promote alpacas, education, and event announcements. Membership is required to post on the NMAB Facebook site. The members felt that the selling of individual products does not fit into the protocol. However, **Rosemary Metcalf (in charge of Facebook issues) can make the protocol issues clear.** This subject may be discussed further.
- NMAB having a booth at farmers' markets: **Tim will check on the farmers' market at the Santa Fe County Fairground.** Rhonda mentioned that taking alpacas greatly helps attract interest.
- Is there an interest in having a NMAB booth at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta?

Committee Reports

- Financial—Tehani (not present) : Treasurer's report submitted June 14 to board members via e-mail). Discussed having vice-president fill in when a board member is unable to attend. Tom Freese (Audit Committee) suggested that he would give the financial report. Tehani, if unable to attend, will forward financial report to Tom.
 - Recovery of Embezzled Funds—Mark Hogan (past Treasurer) has admitted to embezzling NMAB funds. 12+K still owed.
 - NMAB has approximately \$14K in the bank.
 - Two more recent payments: \$75 for sandwiches for Deb Hill's presentation. \$607 (rounded up) for Deb Hill.
- Communications—Bob Hazen (not present) (NMAB website/Openherd), Bill Herman (Constant Contact), Rosemary Metcalf (Facebook). Members should send communications to all three members of the Communications Committee. The committee will direct the post/e-mail through the correct channel.
 - From Prior Minutes: Bob Hazen: Members must be listed on Openherd to have a direct link to the New Mexico Alpaca Breeders website. Openherd is free and a tutorial will guide you through the process.
- Membership—Barbara Roybal: There are now seventeen paid members in NMAB. Payment of 2016 dues of \$75 due within 30 days. Barbara will e-mail a reminder.
- Audit—Tom Freese: Nothing new to report. From previous minutes: The committee (Tom, Kathy Richardson, and Larry Roybal) will complete an internal audit of current financial records before the end of the year. A yearly audit will be instituted to insure that all financial transactions have been properly authorized.

- Fiber—Pam Groff
 - Three attended the last meeting. Pam requests that members RSVP for the next Fiber Committee meeting.
 - From prior minutes: The up-to-date list of mills in the United States will debut around mid-November.
- Education—Chair Needed.
 - Deb Hill Workshop: Pam felt it was a very good workshop, especially when the group analyzed different print media. Attendees came away with new ways to develop their alpaca business. One idea was to have at least four farm events per year.
 - Poor turnout (only 7 farms) for Deb’s excellent presentation. Suggestion: Earlier and wider outreach.
 - Neonatal clinics are expensive. Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies should have a neonatal clinic for NMAB members to attend. Keep watching for dates. (Mickey googled and found out that ABR had a neonatal clinic January 8, 2016. I would expect the same in 2017.)
 - Sally Brandon (owner of Shepherd’s Mill in Kansas) will be in Albuquerque. Check to see if she can do a presentation for NMAB. Rita, at Las Aranas e-mailed Mickey: Sally will be presenting at their Oct. 27 meeting. Sally called and said she will be in Albuquerque Oct. 27, 28, and 29. She would be willing to work something out for an alpaca fiber workshop for NMAB.

Ongoing

- From Prior Meeting: Formation of a By-Laws Committee—If you are interested in reviewing and revising the current By-Laws, please contact David. No volunteers at the meeting.

Additional Notes

- **Please RSVP so plans can be made for events and meetings.**
- Louise Hazen shows some improvement. However, no flowers at this time can be accepted. A suggestion was made to bring food items to the Hazen’s ranch.
- Rhonda noted that as of January 2017 all antibiotics such as Safeguard and Ivermectin will require a vet’s prescription. Rhonda orders from Valley Vet.
- Next NMAB meeting is Oct. 15 at Tom and Dorene Freese’s in Los Lunas
- December Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 10th, 4:00pm. (TBD, location in Albuquerque)

Motion to adjourn: Kathy R. Seconded by Tom F.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Wright, NMAB Secretary