



**New Mexico Alpaca Breeders  
Quarterly meeting held on June 17, 2017**

**Call to Order:**

The general meeting of the New Mexico Alpaca Breeders was called to order at 12:30 PM at Humming Desert Alpacas in Budaghers, NM.

**Board Members:**

President: David Hunter [puertadelsolalpacas@gmail.com](mailto:puertadelsolalpacas@gmail.com)

Vice-President: Anne Stallcup [queseraalpacas@aol.com](mailto:queseraalpacas@aol.com)

Treasurer: Tehani Hogan [akashaalpacas@yahoo.com](mailto:akashaalpacas@yahoo.com)

Secretary: Mickey Wright [mickey@aspensridgealpacas.com](mailto:mickey@aspensridgealpacas.com)

Membership Chair: Barbara Roybal [blroybal@gmail.com](mailto:blroybal@gmail.com)

**Attendees:**

Kathy Richardson, Mickey Wright, Diane and Tim Blackburn, David Hunter, Tehani Hogan, Kai Huihui, Stacy Anderson, Rhonda Seybert, Tom Taylor, Tom and Dorene Freese, Pam and David Groff, Jennie Rodriguez

**Approval of Minutes (January 21, 2017):**

Minutes approved by Diane Blackburn and seconded by Kathy Richardson.

**Committee Reports:**

- Financial –Tehani : The account Balance is \$16,753.90.
- FibereLux reader purchased by NMAB for \$2,458.
- Mark Hogan is making regular payments.
- Tehani's term as Treasurer is now completed. New treasurer (when elected) and vice-president Anne Stallcup will become signatories for bank account. Minutes must be shown to the bank.
- Tehani has two boxes of financial audit material. She will give boxes to new treasurer.
- Financial report approved by Anne and Seconded by Diane.

## **Membership:**

Anne Stallcup for Barbara Roybal : There are now 17 paid member farms in NMAB.

## **Fiber/Education-Pam Groff :**

- Sally Brandon (Shepherd's Mill in Phillipsburg, KS) is available in the fall. Pam's motion (seconded by Anne) to have Sally come to NM for a workshop on blending alpaca with other fibers passed without opposition. Cost: \$1000 plus travel expenses. The workshop will be held at Pam and David's Wide Sky Ranch in Eldorado.
- David wants to visit Shepherd's Mill and bring his fleece to Sally. He will take other NMAB fleeces to Shepherd's Mill.
- Fred Seybert will be going near Phillipsburg during hunting season in November, and he can take fleece to Shepherd's Mill.
- Anne—Fiber tips:
  - Store your fleece light. Do not put in dark bags or store in dark corners.
  - Use dryer sheets in the fleece to protect from bugs.
  - Doreen is using Hawaiian Moon Aloe for skin issues. Tim and Diane use prednisone capsule for skin issues.

## **FibreLux Demonstration-Rhonda Seybert:**

- Rhonda suggested avoiding software because of the complexity with installation.
- The machine is portable.
- Check with calibration sample (around a 16.5 micron).
- Place your fiber sample in cartridge. Place in machine. Within ten seconds you will get your reading.
- Rhonda does her fiber testing the day before shearing. (Take a "swatch" as you would during shearing.)
- FibreLux considerations:
  - Although the FibreLux is durable, caution must be taken to keep it well maintained.
  - Cartridges can be lost or broken.
  - Calibration cartridge can be lost or broken.
  - A system must be in place to keep track of the location of the FibreLux.
- A motion to have a committee to set up rules for the FibreLux was seconded. Motion passed without opposition.
- Rhonda volunteered to be the Fibrelux Coordinator.
- The following volunteered to be on Rhonda's committee: Anne, Tim, and Stacy.

## **New Business:**

### **Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer:**

Since Mickey (current secretary) and Tehani (current treasurer) have served their two-year terms, nominations for these two offices are open. Please e-mail your nominations to a board member or,

better yet, all board members. Nominations close July 15. Bill Herman will email a ballot using MailChimp. Your vote must be recorded by July 31.

**FALL MEETING, October 21, 2017:**

The fall meeting will be at Anne Stallcup's Que Sera Alpacas in Eldorado. (Anne requested the change from Aspen Ridge Alpacas because of impending Cria births around the time of the meeting.)

**Motion to adjourn:** Diane Blackburn, Seconded by Tehani

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Wright, NMAB Secretary

**List of NMAB Members 2017:**

Tehani Hogan and Misty Huihui: Akasha Alpacas

Mickey Wright and Evelyn Simons: Aspen Ridge Alpacas

Bob and Louise Hazen: Blue Mesa Alpacas

Tim and Diane Blackburn: Cielo Azul Alpacas

Stacy Anderson: Damas Loca Alpacas

Bill and Kathy Herman: Hollywick Farms

Fred and Rhonda Seybert: Humming Desert Alpacas

Tom and Dorene Frees: Joe-D's Alpaca Ranch

Peggy Rustin and Sherry Willis: Ponderosa Sunset alpacas

Larry and Barbara Roybal: Rancho de Los Suenos Alpacas

Ric and Rosemary Metcalf: Windrush alpacas

Dave and Pam Groff: Wide Sky Alpacas

David Hunter and Kathy Richardson: Puerta del Sol Alpacas

Anne Stallcup: Que Sera Alpacas

Carl Alvarez: Brae Croft (Mayhill, NM)

**Associate Members (not eligible to hold office):**

Jennie Rodriguez: Humming Hearts Alpacas

Lisa Torracco