



New Mexico Alpaca Breeders (NMAB) Quarterly Meeting

Saturday March 3, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Herman at 1:25 P.M. at the home of Ann Stallcup in Eldorado, New Mexico. Kathy introduced a new guest, Candace Fitzsimons, MsFitz Farm, of Moriarty, New Mexico.

Kathy indicated that there was a quorum present. This was verified by Membership chairman Barbara Roybal.

Kathy announced the election of Rhonda Seybert as our new Vice President.

Attendees: Louise and Bob Hazen, Kathy and Bill Herman, Bill and Debby Hasse, Tim and Diane Blackburn, Rhonda and Fred Seybert, Rene Zender, Tehani Hogan and Barbara and Larry Roybal.

Reading of the minutes from the October 20, 2018 Quarterly Meeting was read by Larry Roybal, NMAB Secretary. There was no discussion. Motion to approve the “minutes” as read was made by Bill Herman and a second to the motion was made by Ann Stallcup. Motion carried on a voice vote. There was no opposition.

Treasurer’s Report: The Honorable Tim Blackburn provided the Treasurer’s report to the general membership. He indicated that the organization had a total balance of \$19,333.95 available in our bank account. Tim also indicated that Mr. Bob Hazen had agreed to be second signature on the NMAB account. Thank you, Bob Hazen.

Booth Committee: Open Discussion from the Booth Committee was led by various committee members. They referenced several events that were available to the membership for participation. They included Taos Wool, Estes Park, The EVFAC Fiber Crawl and The Rancho De Las Golondrinas shows. These are events/shows that are open to all exhibitors to sell their farm products. Barbara and Rhonda encouraged the new members to take a look and participate in these events. These events are opportunities to see how your products compare to those from other farms.

Discussion jumped into the “Education Committee”. It was announced that Marty McGee Bennett was not available for any 2019 dates. Kathy said she would follow-up to identify availability for 2020. A Camelid Dynamics clinic was briefly discussed. Barbara Roybal announced the date of April 27 or 28 for a

Dye Workshop to take place at her home. Glenna Dean would be the instructor. She indicated that Ms. Dean would provide possibly 6 to 8 hours of instruction. She encouraged all to attend!

Show Committee: Rhonda led what turned out to be a long discussion. Rhonda had made contact with many Alpaca Ranches that she felt would be interested in a New Mexico Show. These included Ranches from our surrounding states. She found that the Stanley New Mexico venue/location was not appealing logistically to potential out of state breeders.

The discussion turned in the direction of a potential NMAB Fleece show. The discussion went so far to suggest inclusion of wool categories in the "Fleece Show"! Discussion turned to whether it could be a sanctioned AOA show. There was also discussion of what it takes to be an affiliate AOA member. Bill Herman motioned that NMAB should become an AOA member. Tehani seconded the motion. Motion was not acted on. Kathy said she would look into the AOA membership requirements and report back to the membership.

Ann suggested that if NMAB goes in the direction of a Fleece Show, they should include a 4-H connection/participation. Rhonda said she would look into it. Kathy mentioned possible contact with Pat Long as a Seminar provider. No action taken.

Mr. Fred Seybert presented a detailed discussion regarding the New Mexico Motor Transportation Division requirements to transport livestock across state highways. Doom and Gloom set in! He provided several contact points and web-sites for use in identifying the New Mexico requirements that affect individual ranches. It was a great presentation! Thank you, Fred.

Kathy indicated that the next meeting would be held at Rhonda's home in July, 2019. Date and time to be decided.

Tim made a motion to adjourn. Bill seconded the motion. Motioned carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M. March 3, 2019.