



## New Mexico Alpaca Breeders (NMAB) Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2016

### Present:

- Larry and Barbara Roybal Guests: Tom Taylor
- Bob and Cheryl Louie
- Diane Blackburn
- Tehani Hogan
- Jennie Rodriguez
- David Hunter - Guests: Stacy Anderson, Tim Singer, and friend Debbie Rado
- Kathy Richardson
- Rhonda Seybert
- Tom and Dorene Freese

Our Guest speaker was Ruth Baldwin from THE NATURAL TWIST: unique fiber products. Her presentation emphasized the steps in processing wool and fiber.

Her business concentrates on sheep and goat wool, but can handle alpaca, llama fibers as well. She offers an array of fibers to be blended with alpaca in the spinning process.

THANK YOU RUTH FOR YOUR INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION.

Minutes from the last meeting were moved for approval by Diane, seconded by Barbara and passed unanimously.

### **Open Issues:**

Election of officers. Rhonda passed out ballots to those present and would send ballots via email to those not present.

Facebook Protocol: Discussed the issue about advertising personal items on 'farm site'. Some wanted NMAB Facebook pages to only advertise farm events. More discussion is needed.

Alpaca Show in Arizona: No longer have halter event, only fiber.

Santa Fe Farmers Market is no longer happening.

Sally Brandon (owner of Shepherd's Mill) will not be available for our October meeting in 2016.

December Christmas party was voted down due to people's busy schedules around the holidays.

**Committee Reports:**

Financial report from Tehani Hogan. Account balance as of June 11, 2016: \$14,959.16

Total Expenses: \$3.23

Total Deposits: \$900.36

Ending Account balance: \$15,856.29

**Communications:**

No committee members were present. David reminded us to communicate with Bob Hazen for website posts.

**Membership:**

Barbara Roybal, chair, stated we need dues into her by Jan. 31, 2017 with a two week grace period in mid February. No late fee would be charged, but farm would be dropped from all NMAB electronic posts. Fees voted on for 2017 were \$75.00 for full membership, \$25.00 to be an associate.

Discussion about what we receive for being a full member versus an associate. The results were as follows: Farm Members can post on NMAB's Facebook page: selling animals, selling store items, offer stud fees, and farm events. You must be a full member to vote, be a board member, and participate on the Openherd web site. An associate comes to meetings to get to know all of us and 'want' to be a full member.

Bob Louie moved to accept these guidelines, Dorene Freese seconded, carried unanimously.

**Audit:**

Tom Freese volunteered to contact Mark Hogan about the lack of payments as scheduled for reimbursement.

**Fiber:**

Pam Groff not present.

**Education:**

Kathy Herman not present, but David Hunter to report on Sally's workshop given on October 27-29, 2016 at our next meeting.

**FARM SHARES:**

Bob and Cheryl Louie showed their beautiful fleece that brought them championships to shout about! Congrats!!!

Rhonda Seybert shared her wins in fiber contests. Said it's easier and less expensive than entering halter competitions!

Bring any creations you are making for your farm stores/gifts at Christmas etc. Any new techniques that make "things" easier.

**NEXT MEETING:**

January 21, 2017 at David Hunter's. We voted to make it a potluck. Bring your yummiest dish to share.

Cheryl moved to close the meeting, Tehani seconded it, carried unanimously.

WHEW! Respectfully submitted as stand in secretary, Dorene Freese.