



**NMAB Member Meeting  
October 24, 2015**

**Call to Order:** The general meeting of the New Mexico Alpaca Breeders was called to order at 12:30 PM at The Blue Corn Café in Santa Fe.

**Board Members**

President: David Hunter

Vice-President: Rhonda Seybert (not present. Cria born at 3:30 AM!)

Treasurer: Tehani Hogan

Secretary: Mickey Wright

Membership Chair: Barbara Roybal

**Attendees**

Kathy Richardson, Bill and Kathy Herman, Mickey Wright, Evelyn Simons, Mary Olguin, Jeannie Wells, Diane and Tim Blackburn, David Hunter, Tehani Hogan, Barbara Roybal, Bob and Louise Hazen, Tom Freese, Pam and David Groff, Bob and Cheryl Louie. Jennie Rodriguez

**Approval of Minutes with Revision:** Mickey Wright read the minutes of the NMAB meeting (May 13, 2015).

Bill Herman is not the chair of the Bylaw Review Committee. Strike from previous minutes: ***Bill Herman will ask for volunteers for a Bylaw Review Committee to meet in July.***

Minutes approved and seconded by Barbara Roybal.

**Open Issues**

- Transfer of Bank Signatories—Tehani Hogan (Treasurer) is a signatory; however, Rhonda Seybert (Vice-President) needs to be added as a signatory. (In Process)
- Recovery of Embezzled Funds—Mark Hogan (past Treasurer) has admitted to embezzling NMAB funds. September 9, 2015, Mark paid NMAB \$1000 and agreed to pay \$200 a month (due the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month) thereafter. However, the first \$200 has not yet been received. Lee Liggett (not present) is communicating with Tehani regarding Mark's financial impropriety. Documentation is still incomplete.

- Staggered Elections—Before the end of the year the BOD will have a firm recommendation as to how to implement staggered elections since the current BOD has all new members as of May 2015. It's likely either two or three of the BOD positions will be held for one year.
- NM Non-Profit Report for a 501C-6 (Trade Association)—Bill Herman has submitted the non-profit report including the \$20 late fee. This report must be done yearly by May 15. Bill will help Rhonda with the process of filling out the form. Bill also suggested NMAB file an application for Federal Non-Profit status.
- Facebook Workshop—Pam Groff reported that today's Facebook Workshop was extremely useful for fine-tuning a business Facebook page and creating more opportunities for exposure. Supporting other NMAB farms/ranches using Facebook is a win-win opportunity. Jennifer Polle will e-mail her power-point presentation to David. David will share with NMAB members.

#### New Business

- 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.
- Venue for Future Meetings—Suggestions for a place for future NMAB meetings included a community center. The following will look into cost for a meeting place: Corrales—Jennie Rodriguez, Santa Fe—Pam Groff, Kathy Herman—Albuquerque
- Christmas Party—The majority of attendees want to have a Christmas Party. Anyone who would like to host a party or know of Christmas festivities with a restaurant available to host a party should contact David.
- Alpaca Show—2017: Socorro's mayor is offering a deal for a NMAB Alpaca Show with subsidies and advertising in order to showcase the city's new facilities. Based on her past experiences with AOA sanctioned shows, Cheryl Louie says that \$20K is only a starting point. More investigation and discussion is needed to determine the possibility of putting on a show.

#### Committee Reports

- Financial –Tehani : The account Balance is \$13,367.05.
  - Facebook Seminar paid for by NMAB: \$350
  - Tehani will review all records to see if she can find the payment of \$1000 for the donation to the National Fleece Show in Denver. Stacie Chavez said it was approved by the previous BOD. (See previous minutes.)
- Communications—Bob Hazen (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.

- 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 32 members in NMAB. Payment of 2016 dues of \$100 collected in January.
- Audit—Tom Freese: 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 from October to October will be instituted to insure that all financial transactions have been properly authorized.
- Fiber—Pam Groff
  - At our initial meeting, the group met to begin the discussion of where people are sending their fiber for processing, if indeed, they are processing it.
    - The up-to-date list of mills in the United States will debut around mid-November.
  - A group of us from the Fiber Committee traveled to Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center, first for an introduction class on the "Thumper II" which EVFAC owns. Yes, it wet felts sheets of fiber. Next the group with a few additional members of the Fiber Committee returned there for the in-service which now entitles us to reserve the Thumper II for a morning or afternoon of use.
  - At our last meeting held at Wide Sky Ranch we brought along samples of items we have made from alpaca. Some of the photos have been posted on the NMAB FB site. Additionally we touched on animal husbandry tips. Lastly, we committed to updating the fiber mill list which Stacy Chavez so generously provided us.
- Education—Chair Needed.
  - Kathy Herman suggested Deb Hill of Cloud Dancer Alpacas in Montana as a presenter.
  - Send your suggestions for education programs to David.

David thanked Barbara Roybal for locating a venue in Santa Fe for the NMAB meeting.

Thanks to The Blue Corn Café...

Motion to adjourn: Diane Blackburn. Seconded by Jeannie Wells.

Meeting Adjourned at 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mickey Wright, NMAB Secretary