

November 10, 2012 CALPACA - Membership Meeting Minutes

Derwydd Alpacas 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Welcome - President Dennis Rabe offered thanks for Dale and Jan Davis and Alan Kyker for opening their ranch and hosting the meeting. Dale welcomed everyone and gave out "important details."

Dennis asked that everyone make certain that they have signed in before leaving for the day.

Secretary Report – Dennis Rabe in Kay Rodriguez's absence

A Motion was made to approve the August Membership Meeting Minutes by Karen Kelly. Joyce Judy Seconded the Motion. The Minutes were approved by the Members in attendance.

Treasurer Report – Dave Scroggins - Dave gave a budget update showing that while funds are down, Calpaca is still in good shape.

Membership update – Joyce Judy - Joyce announced the new Membership Committee and that we had 13 new members this year. She then turned the floor over to Larry Macedo, one of the Members of the Membership Committee, who spoke with enthusiasm about coming up with ideas on how to retain existing members and to hopefully encourage new members.

Marketing – Laurie Findlay

- Laurie reminded everyone that we still had Winagenerator tickets to sell. Each Board member has a packet of 10 and she has more that are available.
- Additionally the Board has metal Calpaca Member signs available for purchase.
- Our website/email has been having difficulties, so we are in process of having Open Herd build us a new website. We hope to have a beta version available to view at the next Membership meeting. If you haven't already created basic Open Herd account, please do so as soon as possible...this is FREE. Once this is done, Laurie will send you an invite to join the new gmail group account for email. In the meantime we are continuing to use members@calpaca.org
- Laurie announced that starting with the Winter Connection, we will be going digital rather than having a hard copy. We will have one annual hard copy, which will be the Spring edition, that will also include the Membership Directory. Ad pricing will be different for the on-line editions and the Spring edition.

In the absence of Dianna Jordan, Dennis spoke about the **AOBA Student Design Competition – Participating Schools Needing Sponsors: Lots of entries and interested schools for this year's competition.** Contact Ruth Fugua at hickorybuffalpacas@comcast.net or go to the student design website at <http://www.alpacafashion.com/forms.asp>

Board Bylaws Changes voted by the Board

In Article II Purpose and Objectives

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of the California Alpaca Breeders Association is to promote the well-being of Alpacas, address the concerns of Alpaca owners and encourage the spread of Alpaca ownership and the use of their fiber.

1. *Change the words "well being" to "best management practices"*
2. *Change to word "spread" to say "encourage alpaca ownership and the use of their fiber"*

Vote on changing the Bylaws to reflect that we are a 501c5 non profit.

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Section 2. Objectives: The objectives of the California Alpaca Breeders Association are as follows:

(g) Conform to the standards of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code...

Change this one item to "the standards of Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code"...

A Motion was made and seconded and the members attending passed the Amendments to the By-Laws.

Quarterly meeting announcements – Dennis mentioned that we are looking for the last two 2013 meeting places

February 2013 – Karen Kelly – Arapahoe Rose

May 2013 – Davd and Sheila Scroggins – Colusa River Alpacas

August 2013 – Available Date

November 2013 - Available Date

Events

Gold Country 2012 update: Eva Fisher - Eva noted that once again we had beautiful weather and a good time was had by all. She asked the Members attending the meeting if they wish to continue the show in 2013 and got a resounding Yes.

CA Classic 2012Update: - Joyce reminded everyone that of the new dates for the Classic of April 13-14, 2013 and that the Judge is Peter Kennedy from Australia. She also spoke about new show rules coming up where we could have Group awards, rather than Color Championships. These new rules are designed with smaller shows in mind.

Symposium - Dale indicated that Registration is Open and we have some great presenters

New Business:

Dennis announced the new Board of Directors:

Laurie Findlay
Kay Rodriguez
Karen Kelly
Phyl Clempson

Before the adjournment of the meeting, Laurie offered a sweet poem about having Dennis as our President and thanked both Dennis and Dave for their hard work on the Board.

Meeting Adjourned for Lunch

After lunch the new Board Officer positions were announced:

Laurie Findlay, President
Kay Rodriguez, Vice President
Karen Kelly, Treasurer
Joyce Judy, Secretary
Phyl Clempson, Director of Marketing