

## **Minutes Calpaca General Membership Meeting**

May 23, 2015

Held at Sawdust Alpacas, Glenn and Charlene Waddell, hosts.

**Meeting called to order** by Karen Ball. Minutes taken by Kathryn Amann, transcribed by Sandra Wallace

**Housekeeping items:** Glenn and Carolyn Waddell

**Minutes from General Membership Meeting Feb. 14, 2015:** reviewed and approved by membership

**Discussion** (ad hoc) of the great “spirit” and generosity of alpaca owners, and their willingness to help out fellow breeders. There was wonderful co-operation this year with breeders transporting alpacas to the National Show.

### **Upcoming General Membership Meetings:**

August 15, 2015 (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) Alpacas of Marin/SoCal Suri Alpacas—Sandy Wallace and Michael Frankel Nicasio, CA

November 10, 2015 Derwydd Alpacas Dale and Jan Davis Esparto, CA

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer’s report was passed out with a review of our finances.

The California Classic books have just been finalized, showing a profit of \$3908 for the show.

A number of our smaller bank accounts have been consolidated to save banking fees and to maximize efficiency.

**Membership Report:** Per Pam Brady: 101 Total Memberships consisting of 90 Farm Members and 11 Associate members. 14 new members in 2015

27 members from 2013 have not renewed.(a number of non-renewals have moved across the country or have left the alpaca lifestyle). Non-Renewals will be dropped from the OpenHerd website and Directory.

Overall, the new PayPal button on the website has worked well for renewals and new members, but still some problems to be worked out. Kathryn Amann needs an e-vite to OpenHerd.

Anyone wishing to change the information on their Directory listing should contact Steve Aitchison ([steve@epicalpacas.com](mailto:steve@epicalpacas.com)) ASAP.

**Ag Day Update:** Brief update given. Kathryn Amann has volunteered to help with future events.

**California Classic Update/Feedback** presented by Teisha Starr Bronner. Overall a very successful show, thanks largely to the management of Teisha and Charlene.

**West Coast Alpaca Show Update** Written report from Laurie Findlay was presented by Karen Ball. This show has its origin in of fall shows—Gold Country Gathering (Calpaca) and AlpacaMania (SoJAA)—that were looking at decreased attendance. One of the shows had been cancelled in 2014. In combining the shows in a joint venture, the event gains strength in numbers of exhibitors and opportunities for championships. A third partner, IAO, has also joined, and we will adopt IAO Cottage Show Rules for the West Coast Alpaca Show. It will be held at the Yreka Fairgrounds on October 17-18, 2015.

In developing the show, each member organization (Calpaca, SoJAA, IAO), contributed 3 members to the show committee, so that each organization has equal representation.

**Website Resources:** Membership is invited to take a look at Camelid Central ([www.camelidcentral.com](http://www.camelidcentral.com)) as a potential site for listing services and supplies. Calpaca is planning to utilize Camelid Central as our online venue for education, information, and referrals for services. Members are requested to contact their veterinarians and ask them to contact Steve Aitchison about being listed on Camelid Connection.

**Other Events:**

Heirloom Expo: Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Sept. 8-10. Opportunity to purchase vendor booths and also free entry into livestock barn for those wishing to bring alpacas to display and sell. Contact Sandy Wallace.

Education with a Destination: In Bend, OR in August. This will feature lectures by Crescent Moon Alpacas and Flying Dutchman Alpacas.

Shearing on TV!: Glenn Waddell reports that Channel 2 news covered his shearing day on TV!. Glenn also shared that he does a lot of marketing through “Nevada First”, a local Co-operative in Reno.

Article in Lode Centennial last fall featured women in agriculture, with one woman hosting more than 3 farm tours a month at her farm. The question of liability insurance was raised, and Karen Ball suggested that this would be an appropriate query for a Calpaca Google session.

**Adjournment:** Glenn Waddell moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Gaye Cornell.

**Afternoon Education** by Nevada Buy Local Campaign, Ben Romero.

Attendance: Steve and Margie Craig, NV. Gaye Cornell, Acampo, CA. Mark and Gayle Shaw, NV. Teisha Bronner, NV. Gary Pallison. Karen Ball, Grass Valley, CA. Kathry Amman, Grass Valley, CA. Midge Bevilacqua. Ben Romero, Nevada Green Business Chamber.

