

Calpaca BOD Meeting

March 9, 2015

Call to Order by Lisa Beatty at 7:20pm Some problems logging on with Skype. Attendees: Steve Aitchison, Lisa Beatty, Karen Kelly, Sandy Wallace. Karen Ball stuck in traffic.

Approval of Minutes from BOD meeting Feb. 9, 2015 moved Lisa Beatty, Karen Kelly seconded and **Membership meeting Feb. 14, 2015** moved Lisa Beatty and Karen Kelly seconded. Should we post membership minutes on website provisionally, as draft minutes after they are approved by BOD? Yes (unanimous vote)—they will be more current, and will give Members a chance to review them before the next meeting when they are to be approved.

Membership Update

We may still lag behind last year on renewals.

We did well with the personal contacts last month--\$1730 collected (17 renewals and 1 associate since February, plus 7 additional on website). March 1 deadline passed for Directory, so we should have a tally available. We may be making up with new members from ID and Hawaii.

Membership voted that Directory will be on line only, not hard copy.

Steve Aitchison added WA, ID, NV, HI to our website.

The May issue of the **Connection** needs to be out before the May meeting. The Herdsire issue will be the August print issue.

Membership Meeting Plans (If any)

Karen Ball will contact Glen Waddell about his plans for the program. It will be a 3-6 hr drive for most attendees.

Ag Day update- Bruce Nelson coordinating. A number of members participating.

Secretary of Agriculture and others in department planning to visit our booths, thanks to efforts by Lisa Beatty.

Issue for future BOD: What legislative agenda do we wish to address if/when we get more legislative attention?

Update on co-operative hay buying

Sandy will edit the update and send it out to membership, asking for more information on haulers and suppliers.

Any progress on a map of members? (not addressed)

Update on "Introduction to Alpaca Ownership" Seminars (Sandy Wallace)

Should this be a one-day or 2-day seminar framework? One day.

Also, video recordings from other farms could be used at the course—and we could put "canned videos" on our website? We would need to include appropriate disclaimers.

The “Pen Sale” aspect of the course may not be as attractive or realistic as it was 10 years ago.

Maybe we should aim for an Autumn “trial” course.

Update on California Classic

Charges for Venue Karen Kelly states that thus far many expenses are similar to 2014 Cal Classic **except:**

Barn charges much higher.

Unaccounted \$3600 in the cost of the venue, which needs to be investigated.

Karen Kelly will talk to Charlene Schmid and to the venue management.

(Sandy will ask Anita Jacobson if she would consider donating a herdsire to the auction, since she is selling her Suri herd)

Charlene’s update on Classic-

Costs up by \$4K.

Registrations: 88 Halter 2 GOS several Production. No Championships in sight.

Spinoff: 22 entries.

8 show sponsors, 5 wine, 1 airline sponsor, 30 signed up for barbecue.

Total fees \$12,067.81 thus far, similar to what we have taken in. However, this will not cover judges or their expenses, and much more.

50 stalls still need to be filled. Show sold out in March last year. Norco show may be impacting registrations.

We very possibly may lose a lot of money on this show. We need to consider whether we will continue this show. We have not paid the showground any money, but tomorrow is the date to pay deadline. Charlene is doing her best to round up registrants. May extend the “early bird” rate.

Sandy suggested that if we cannot resolve the \$4K over-run for the venue, then we probably should cancel the show this year. And if we don’t have a rise in registrations by March 17, we should cancel.

We should consider a joint venture with SoCalpaca for next year.

Update on West Coast Alpaca Show (Karen Kelly). Looking for spinners for the fleece show (for cottage fleece). Deposit placed on Fairgrounds. Calpaca will open a new bank account for this show. Preliminary inquiries for Superintendent, judges, etc.

Anything new on our Corporate Seal? Lisa Beatty will look on State of CA website to see what needs to be done.

Website Inquiries. How is PayPal working for us? Some issues to iron out, but overall working well. Should we consider using the Square (21 day wait for money with PayPal, vs 1 day for the Square)? There may be a discrepancy with persons swiping their credit card in person, accounting for the difference in fund availability—Steve will look into the differences. If there is no real difference in access to funds, then we would prefer to keep everything with PayPal.

Document Repository—Joe Preston confirms that we have that capability with OpenHerd, so we will look into developing a password secured area for BOD documents and other materials.

Update on Camelid Veterinarian Listings on website- no information

Round Robin of Topics. No new issues.

Steve Aitchison moved to adjourn at 8:57, seconded by Karen Kelly. Unanimous vote.

Sandra Wallace, Secretary Calpaca