

Minutes Calpaca BOD
June 8, 2015 7pm on Skype

Call to Order at 7:16 pm

Attendees: Karen Ball, Steve Aitchison, Sandra Wallace

Minutes of Membership meeting, May 23, 2015 reviewed and preliminarily (pending general membership approval) by KB,SA,SW

BOD minutes from May 11, 2015 have been unanimously approved on-line

Membership Update: No new members in May

August Membership Meeting at Alpacas of Marin on Aug. 15

November Membership Meeting at Derwydd Alpacas Nov. 14

Treasurer's Report

\$4000 profit on Cal Classic—excellent!

No update on Endowment, and since Rick Brady has not been informed of the decision of the BOD to stop funding at \$50K, it was felt to be inappropriate to bring up the topic at the May Membership meeting.

The BOD members present did not know if we have actually given any money to the endowment this year—from GCG 2014 or Cal Classic. At our January BOD meeting we had planned to donate \$4000 to the Endowment, with an additional 2-\$500 scholarships. Hopefully, the Treasurer can update us on this at the next BOD meeting.

Dry Creek Ranch is requesting a refund of > \$1000 from the 2008 California Classic show---they had to cancel their entries. The BOD has discussed the situation at length, and has decided to await further developments before making a decision.

West Coast Alpaca Show update (by SA) Laurie Findlay has asked SA to build a website for show. They have a show supervisor as well as judge, Wade Gease. Kim Bisceglia will be fleece show supervisor. Online registration to be set up this week. AOA is more or less in the wings—watching with interest.

Classes to include Halter, Walking Fleece, Cottage Fleece with spinning included, Spin off.

Heirloom Expo update by SW. Deb Galway interested, but concerned about the cost of a booth. SW will report back on developments.

Nominating Committee per bylaws, this is to be put together by end of April.

Sandy will contact Jan Davis. Laurie Findlay and Bruce Nelson have been contacted, but have yet to respond.

Candidate Statements will go to SA to be posted on website. KB will contact Pam Brady to see what else we need to do. Pam has agreed to be the election supervisor.

The Calpaca Connection Herdsire (print) Issue: The August issue of the Connection will be a print magazine focusing on Herdsires in our area. Steve will contact Dianna Jordan for an update. This will be the sole hard copy publication for the year.

Camelid Central Update

There are no local camelid vets or hay suppliers listed. (SLW suggested sending out a questionnaire to the membership asking them to speak to their veterinarians about free listing on Camelid Central. We can also request listings for hay suppliers and haulers (it is unclear whether we require the permission of hay suppliers and haulers, in order to list them on Camelid Central). KB has 3 vets interested in being listed—not sure what to do about listing their email addresses and contact information, since several do not respond to email.

IT Issues Discussed

Do we need a disclosure for website? Perhaps a one-liner. Who will do it? *To be determined.* Should we offer members a downloadable Calpaca logo for their websites? Yes. SA will figure it out. Perhaps Laurie Findlay has a better copy of the logo.

How is Membership Chair notified of new applicants on line? Not yet resolved. At this point, Treasurer still must notify Membership Chair when new applicant has paid. Right now it's confusing if there's a show registration at the same time as a membership push.

Do we have a Calpaca email address that is generic and can be rolled over to the next president (to facilitate things like putting Calpaca on Camelid Central)? Not yet. President@calpaca.org would be an example.

Do we have access to a password secured repository for Calpaca documents? Is it with OpenHerd? If so, who has access? Joe says there's a way to put them in an OpenHerd repository. Sandy has saved minutes, agendas, etc. May need to get Laurie Findlay involved in moving stuff from Yahoo group. SLW will send over what she has to SA. [July or Aug. BOD will review how BOD accesses the OpenHerd account.](#)

Any thoughts about a California map with location of Calpaca members? On "to do" list.

Sandy will ask FiberShed people how they did it.

One member asked about the listing of farms on OpenHerd—it's random, but changes. At times it can be difficult to return to a ranch webpage.

Educational Program: We had decided that this would be best done on our website and not Camelid Central. The AOA website UTube link has many educational videos.

Given that UTube videos are considered public property, we should be able to link to these videos from our webpage. Sandy will review what there is, maybe categorize it, and then Steve can put it on our website.

Original intent of Educational program, per Strategic Planning Meeting minutes, was actually as outreach to potential alpaca breeders, not so much education for members...

[Next BOD meeting will consider a revamp of the Lifestyle link on our website, in order to make it more of an educational site. Alpaca Ownership might be a better title.](#)

ByLaws Changes for Next Election

Approve annual budget at first Membership meeting after the Strategic Planning Meeting
Nominating committee to be formed ideally by end of April.

Potential Legislative Agenda Items to be considered by Membership (and voted on prior to next Ag day) could include Sales Tax and Alpaca Processing, as well as other issues.

The BOD recognizes that if we do wish to advance an agenda, then we ought to have a formal proposal to advance to Legislators. [Will be on next BOD agenda.](#)

On line survey about liability insurance/farm insurance? (see minutes of May Membership meeting) Perhaps Farm Bureau would give coverage, however, Farm Insurance may raise many additional issues, such a requirements for disabled visitor bathrooms, etc. Is there a way to obtain liability insurance for farm visitors? [On Agenda for next BOD.](#)

Formal BOD Calendar of Events Should be created and go into Document Section of Website.

UC Davis Symposium always seems to run low on syllabus copies. Could Calpaca donate \$100-\$200 each year to fund printing of extra copies that could be donated to show auctions—West Coast Alpaca show, Cal Classic, AFW, Nationals, AlpacaMania—and also sold on our website? It would promote the Symposium, nationally. KB will talk to Bonnie Potter about this, and get back to us next BOD.

Round Robin

Adjournment Moved by SA, seconded by SW. Adjourned at 8:21pm.