



**GCG 2016 Update:** Tracy DiPippo

“It rained”

Waiting for finalized budget, but appears that there will be a profit of around \$2k, Sponsorships and herdsire auction helped with the bottom line. (Dave : Did not contributing to the endowment and funds going to the show help? Dale and Karen Kelly indicated that it was probable)

57 surveys were sent out (to participating ranches) as of this morning, 34 had responded. 90% indicate that they would return to the same venue, 40% would be ok with moving the venue, more than 90% want the walking fleece to continue (most prefer Saturday for walking fleece) T-shirts are being given to those who complete the survey, and additional shirts will be made available for purchase!

Walking fleece – AOA wants a standard format (like halter?) be followed for group evaluations, however, consideration is made for folks who have conflicts to bring their animal as soon as they can. (Bruce reminded folks that anyone can bring an animal in for walking fleece, so find friends!)

Karen Ball asked if perhaps a survey in which all members might be asked about a different venue, Dave Scoggins agreed that all members might be asked. Deb Galway suggested fact finding of other venues, but lock up current location.

Gold Country fairgrounds was under new management this year, Karen will talk to the former manager about how best to approach the new staff in order to get some consideration for adverse weather conditions – downspouts and wattles were suggested as helpful for future rainy show days...

Have a suggestion for a show venue? Contact either Show superintendents or one of the Board members!  
Sponsorships will be the same for all Cal-Paca shows

**California Classic 2017 Update:** Charlene Schmid

March 25-26 (check in on the 24<sup>th</sup>) Peter Kennedy, halter, MaryJo Miller, walking fleece, Judy Glaser, spin-off.

Fees will be the same, there will be a limit on the number of pens (came close to selling out in 2016)

Lost money on the dinner last year, so 2017 will be the inaugural “California Classic Crock-Pot cook-off” Details are in the works, with area for plug-in and cooking/eating area, will be Saturday night

Justin Timm will be the auctioneer for the live herdsire auction, plus there will be other items as well

Walking fleece will begin Friday afternoon and continue Saturday. Standard AOA color order. Placings to be announced Sunday

Special “Cup” awards, per Dale Davis – only will be Crystal Hats. Based on small (1-3 alpacas), medium (4-8 alpacas) and large (9 and above); Halter only - points for placing, for championship, for breeder’s best, etc

Spin-off will be handled by Deb Galway, early bird will close about February 8. More details regarding what gets sent where – be on the look-out for e-blasts

**Treasurer’s Report:** Karen Kelly

See attachment

**National Alpaca Farm Days:** Maureen & Larry had 700 visitors, sold in 4 figures, have lots of folks come back again with more family members (and purchases); Deb Galway had TV station come out, and over 1,000 visitors; Steve was open only Saturday, had 700 people, Ag Tour was the same weekend, sold 12 -15 fiber boys (has a shop downtown, so gave out 10% off coupons); Bruce counted 415 cars (figure 3-4 per car), Joan Clappier brought items to sell – sold \$2-3k, Solano cadets helped with parking; Karen Kelly was open Saturday only, 600-800 people, Lin Murray ran the store, product sold really well, also sold some boys, a local winery conducted wine tasting and they had hot dogs available as well; Cynthia Kuhlmann had about 100 cars on Saturday, 30 cars on Sunday, did spinning and other fiber demos, had a “cria corner” with coloring pages for little kids – they sat on hay bales and enjoyed themselves! AOA has some good marketing and media packages to help members out!

**Symposium:** Dale Davis

New Dean of the Veterinary school, he wants all of the events “branded” and run through Continuing Education (this would cost participants a lot more \$\$)

SO, 2017 will not have a Symposium, however, there will be educational opportunities at the AOA Fleece Show (Suri Symposium and other events provided in a flyer)

Spring 2018 – Dale would like input: 1 day or 2? Herd health plus what else? Sustainable pastures? Whatever venue, needs to be local enough for the UCD Camelid Club to attend, Dr. Julie Dechant would like to help as much as possible

Other venues might cost a lot more – Sandy checking on Western University, Dave S to check with his Yuba College (which has a vet tech track); Cynthia checking other venue as well. Folks should check with local Junior colleges and schools with vet tech tracks as well. Send Dale information.

Committee is made up of Dale, Joan Clappier and Bonnie Potter, with Dr. Dechant as the UCD contact. . Dale will send out an e-blast to general membership

**California State Fair:** Contact Maureen, Sabina and Dave if you’d like more information! It’s in an air conditioned building and you can earn CASH premiums! Plus promoting alpacas and your ranch.

**Other News:**

Dave mentioned something he AND Dennis Rabbe discussed – BOD (and other members) have Cal-Paca name badges with Cal-Paca logo. Maureen to check it out and submit ideas to the BOD

Cody Fifield currently conducting heard health visits (per Glenn W)

Rabies vaccinations? Some do, most do not.

West Nile? Dave S was personally touched by it and reminded us that it is present – negative reactions have been noted, Dale indicated that current information indicates that this may have been due to prior exposure to the virus, so a titre might be in order prior to vaccination for this disease.

Alice showed a unique creation to assist with teeth care or to help calm an animal while shearing or other procedures. (\$30, she is taking orders)

The group was challenged to send Dianna Jordan (Connection Editor) Tips and tricks for the next edition!

Wendy McBain updated the group on the animals that Wayne still has left in the Hollister area that need to be rehomed.

Meeting adjourned – moved by Steve, Laurie seconded and motion passed

Excellent lunch provided: Susan and Tom supplied a delicious taco soup, lots of other goodies provided by the members.