

# CALPACA – Membership Meeting for May 11, 2013

## Colusa Riverside Alpacas 10:25 am - Noon

**Welcome** - Laurie thanked Sheila & Dave Scroggins for hosting the meeting and opening the ranch. **Sheila gave everyone “Important Details” as to where to find things on their property.**

### Laurie

- to ask if there any new or first time attendees – Alex employee of Colusa Riverside Alpacas
- Laurie reminded everyone that if they haven't signed the attendee roster to please do so before they leave.

### Secretary Report – Joyce Judy

Joyce asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the Minutes from the 2/9/13 Membership Meeting and if there were any changes. There being no changes, Joyce called for a motion to approve the Minutes. Deb Galway motioned to approve the 2/9/13 Membership meeting minutes and Pam Brady seconded the motion. A vote of the Membership in attendance was called and the motion was approved.

### Treasurer Report – Karen Kelly

Current budget review

**Scholarship/Endowment Fund – Rick Brady** – Attended Scholarship Award Ceremony last Wednesday – 2 scholarship attend Jillian Mills and Sam Amirshahi– Julie Dechant sits on Selection Committee, so she has a lot of input on who gets our scholarship. Dianna Jordan offered her thanks to Rick for his work on the Scholarship/Endowment Fund.

**Membership update** – Pam Brady – Associate – 19, Farm Members – 107 for a total of 126 with 10 new members since 2013.

### Membership Committee – Phyl Clempson –

- Audited the Membership Committee – they thought that there should be Regional events –
- They also recommended that the Board have a **Town Hall** phone call with the Membership.
- They noted that everyone shears differently and every shearer has their own way of doing things. Perhaps we need to work with the local shearers to come up with some standards on how shearing should be done and what each farm should be prepared to do.
- The Committee indicated that folks need help on what to do for Farm Days –
  - legal aspects, dogs.
  - Everyone should have a liability and umbrella policy
  - what to do to get people in such as advertising in local newspaper (Donny Greenberg??), Ravelry
  - get names and addresses of people who come for follow-up on possible interest in alpacas.
  - Question was asked if folks would be interested in a Calpaca annual social event?

### Marketing –

- Website update – Laurie Findlay –
  - Laurie requested that folks not use Events to market herd sires or new babies.
  - Minutes will be updated with current Minutes.
  - Joining another Affiliate that is on OH allows a Member to cross-advertise their alpacas to both affiliate members, so if you want to market to East Coast folks, join and East Coast affiliate.
- Winagenerator – update – Phyl Clempson – Phyl indicated that there are people who are still saying that they want to buy tickets, so we are going to wait until the August meeting to draw the tickets.
- Connection Update – Dianna Jordan – Perhaps in the future we will reduce the font size for the Membership Directory to help reduce the number of pages and thus the total cost of production of

the Connection. Dave Scroggins complimented Dianna on the good job she is doing on the Connection.

**AOBA Update: Dianna Jordan** – Libby Forstner has resigned from the AOBA Board, and Phyl Clempson as the third vote getter has been asked to join the AOBA Board. Phyl has accepted, but this now needs to be approved by the AOBA Board, which will occur next Friday. Dianna said this is one of the strongest, most functional Boards she has ever served on.

Dianna also indicated that she is getting a lot of questions regarding the possibility of an ARI/AOBA merger. Due diligence is now in the process. No backroom politics has been involved in the process. Once the due diligence is completed, final documents will be submitted to each Board for review and if they agree, then the final documents will be submitted to each of the respective Memberships for ARI/AOBA and must to be approved BY EACH ENTITY.

#### **Events:**

- CA Classic 2013 Update: - Joyce Judy – Joyce advised that the Classic lost a considerable amount of money largely due to the lower number of entries and fewer people sponsoring. People were concerned that we might cancel the show entirely and wanted the Board to look at other options.
- Gold Country 2013 update: Phyl Clempson – Phyl reminded everyone that the Gold Country Gathering will be held on 10/19/13-10/20/13, the halter judge will be Stephanie Glyptis, and we are considering the possibility of adding a fleece show.
- Symposium 2014 Update – There was no one available to speak about the Symposium. More information to follow closer to the show.

#### **New Business:**

2014 Summer Fiber Event – The Calpaca Board is considering a 2014 summer fiber event to be held in a hotel with good meeting facilities. This would include lots of various classes, a fleece show, a fiber collection, vendors

**Announcements:** Tom and Mette Goehring of Ranch of the Oaks, Lompoc, CA will be hosting the August 10, 2013 Membership Meeting and Nancy Helwig of 925 Sterling Alpacas will be hosting the – Nov. 11, 2013 Annual Membership Meeting.

**Adjournment** – Once again Laurie thanked Dave and Sheila Scroggins for hosting the May Meeting.