

Calpaca Quarterly meeting 8.11.12

Our Quarterly meeting was held at Alpacas of Eldorado, home to Scott and Laurie Findlay. Dennis called the meeting to order and thanked Laurie and Scott for having us. All board members present at this meeting.

Kay asked for a motion to approve the minutes from our May meeting as posted on the web site and in the Connection. Dale made motion to approve and Tom Peterson second – all in favor. Motion carried. There was no new correspondence to report.

Dave advised that Calpaca is still in good shape. From now on, there will be a treasurer report posted in the Members Only section of the Calpaca web site. Between all accounts, Calpaca has about \$88,019.00.

We asked how May 1st time attendees we had at this meeting and we had 4! New attendees introduced themselves and were welcomed to the meeting. Joyce advised we have a total of 136 members with 15 new ones since January of this year. She also advised that we finally have a membership committee to work on making Calpaca even better for our members. The membership committee is made up of Larry Macedo, Mark Emery and Janis Bass. They will work on getting together and report back to Joyce with new ideas to give Calpaca members more value for their membership.

Laurie advised that the Winagenerator is here for everyone to look at and please buy tickets! They are \$25 a piece with only 150 tickets available. This is a John Deere generator with wheels. All board members have tickets and if a member would like to sell some also, please contact Laurie for tickets.

Calpaca signs are available for purchase at \$30 each. Dennis has the signs and they will be at every meeting.

Facebook now has a Calpaca page and we are up to 91 members! There are also links to different alpaca marketing groups. Some of them are The Fleece, Alpaca This, Alpaca Swap, Farm Sitter Central. There are many more to look at so make sure you like us on your Facebook page and check it out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Quarterly meetings for the next year are filling up! Here is the current list of hosts for upcoming meeting.

November 2012 – Derwydd Alpacas, Jan and Dale Davis, Esparto, CA

February 2013 – Arapaho Rose Alpacas, Karen Kelly, Redding, CA

May 2013 – Colusa River Alpacas, Dave and Sheila Scroggins, Colusa, CA

August 2013 – open

November 2013 – open

CA State Fair – Dennis advised that the attendance was way down from last year. There were 3 alpaca breeders and 10 lama breeders there for the show and the 4 days of exhibition. Did not get a big turnout for Winagenerator tickets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Directors Election Candidate slate Announcement – We have 5 exceptional candidates running this year. Dave Scroggins and Laurie Findlay are the incumbents, and others running are Phyl Clempson, Karen Kelly, Deb Galway and Lisa Theis. Karen Kelly was not present but all other candidates spoke about their qualifications and reasons for running for the board. Their bio's can be found on the member's only page on the Calpaca web site.

Dennis sent out a survey monkey a month ago and we reviewed all the answers. It was quite an eye opener. The survey will be posted on the Calpaca web site for all to review.

Lambtown in Dixon is the first weekend in October and we are looking for volunteers to man the Calpaca booth day. There will not be a show and it has changed to a 2 day event but we will only have a booth there for 1 day. If you are interested in manning the booth or helping out, please contact Dennis.

Gold Country Gathering is moving along. We are still looking for volunteers and key people to help with some of the position. We will have the great BBQ again this year with wine tasting. A kid's costume contest at the Saturday lunch break and adults at the dinner. Sandra Wallace is in charge of the silent auction for UC Davis and Joyce is working with Dale on the Herd Sire auction. Should be a lot of fun again this year so please get your entries in!

Symposium is still in the planning stages. Joan advised that Dr Tibary is confirmed and the organizing committee will let us know what other great speakers are on the line up as they get them confirmed. Look for registration in December and don't miss out on the best education value around.

Classic is going to be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds again next with the dates moving to April 13-14, 2013. Joyce looked at other facilities but could not find one that had everything we needed. There will be a discount for Calpaca members and a higher fee for non-Calpaca members. Kristin Bergman will be judge. Joyce will keep us posted on the plan as they come along.

Kay advised that the IAO show will be held in March at the Cal Expo for 2013. This is a great opportunity to show your alpacas in a different show system. Multiple judges and the only CA fleece show. For more on this show, go to www.iaoshow.com.

Meeting adjourns at 11:50. A potluck lunch was provided and our speaker after lunch was Joe Preston from OpenHerd.