

Calpaca Board Meeting Minutes June 8, 2009

Meeting Started: 7:00pm ~~7:03pm~~

Attending: *Dennis Rabe, Dale Davis Jack Jordan, Tom Petersen, Bonnie Potter. Also joining the board for committee reports were: Dianna Jordan, Joyce Judy* ~~(I would list Board first, and add that Dianna, Joyce and Joan joined us for Committee Reports).~~

Absent: 0

Meeting Ended: 8:30pm

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Committee Reports

1. CA Classic Follow Up: Joyce and/or Dianna
 - a. Grant Status: received two \$750 grants from AOBA. Will need to file post event report.
 - b. Leads list: Bonnie has completed list; will email to Dianna for distribution first to volunteers and donors of raffle gifts, and then to Calpaca members. Joyce just received the bill from Jill McLeod. Event appears to be in the black financially. Dianna informed us about the problems with the credit card billing. She received a letter from the credit card company about some problem with the charges, so it's not clear who has been billed and who hasn't. Problem will be worked by Dianna, Joyce and Jack. Dale suggested we not try to do the sponsorships using the on-line registration system.
2. Lambtown: Dale and Joyce

Lambtown "Development Team" is currently Joyce Judy, Bruce Nelson and Dale Davis who are going to get together to finalize some of the details. Dale is to develop a brochure to help promote the care and feeding of Alpacas for new owners and "younger" interested folks. Joyce Judy also mentioned a website that she will be pulling a formatting and information from for use at the event.

 - a. Lambtown Grant Status

The Grant has gone to the Affiliate Grant Committee so as soon as they let us know we will know what the status is.
3. Marketing: Dale

The marketing committee has been formed and will soon be meeting to start moving through the idea phase and prioritizing the projects. There are 17 members of the committee, so it will be a big group, and we expect lots of ideas for the future.

Secretaries Report ...

The board members have received the corrected minutes from the April meeting and they will get back to Bonnie to let her know if they are approved to send to Joan for publication on the website.

Treasurer's Report

1. Status of Filings by Accountant

The accountant filed an extension on our tax reports for the IRS and FTB. The accountant is planning to get them done as quickly as possible

2. Status of new Calpaca accounts

The signature cards were sent out to the people who needed to sign them and as soon as they are sent back to Jack Jordan we will get the funds transferred to the appropriate accounts in keeping with non profit accounting standards.

Old/Unfinished Business

1. CA State Fair

Bonnie Potter is going to send out an email to recruit volunteers to see who and when people are available to participate at the event.

2. AWE

Bonnie checked with Kay Rodriguez (the CALPACA Representative on the AWE Board) and it appears that the show may be moving permanently to the Portland area, but the plans are still up in the air. Dale asked that the board send a letter to the AWE Board stating that we are concerned that they may be moving away from Reno on a permanent basis.

3. Camelid Community 2009 Meeting July31-Aug2 Kansas City

Sponsored by the International Camelid Institute, the event is composed of Alpaca and Llama groups. The main purpose of Camelid Community is to discuss "the state of the union" within the Camelid world, and they would like to have representatives from all geographical regions, national groups, and regional groups. Jack is available to represent the board at the meeting, and will report back to the Board and the membership on his findings.

4. Calpaca Trailer

The Trailer was discussed at the last general meeting and the members indicated they want to keep the trailer in some capacity. The tires need to be replaced. New tires will probably cost a little less than \$300, if we don't use the "trailer tire" designated for trailers, as they cost about twice as much. Joyce Judy has things that can be stored in the trailer rather than in a storage unit, see storage unit discussion in new business items. Jack Jordan has volunteered to pick up and store the trailer at his ranch for now. It was also discussed that we should get tire covers to protect the tires while it is in storage.

5. Affiliate Grant Committee Replacement for Rick Brady (December)

Tabled to a future meeting.

6. Calpaca Meeting Selection Expectations

Tabled to future meeting.

7. Calpaca Booth at Nationals

Most of the booths at the show were affiliates that were close to the show. Only about 5 affiliates were represented.

8. Research Foundation Possibilities

Nothing to present at this time.

New Business

1. Request for Funding from GIRCOM

The industry is trying to raise \$50,000 to fund a study by researcher at Colorado State that will assess the markets and potential of the Alpaca industry. AOBA and ARI are contributing to the funding and are asking the affiliates to also contribute to be able to have the study done. Questions about who will collect the money and how the data will be collected were discussed. A proposal was made to start with a donation from Calpaca and to challenge some of the western affiliates to also donate, with Calpaca matching their donation up to a point, to encourage wider participation by other affiliates. Bonnie will draft a letter for the Board to review.

2. UCD Awards Ceremony

Bonnie attended the Awards Ceremony and presented the awards to this year's two recipients. Dana Conley is graduating, and after an internship plans to come back to Northern California to work in a mixed large animal practice that includes camelids. Vanessa Gant-Bradley was the other recipient, and she has been very involved with the Camelid Club at Davis.

3. Assoc Membership for Scholarship Recipients

Tom Peterson moved that we include the recipients on our mailing list as an associate member; Dale seconded the motion. Ayes were unanimous. We may wish to consider Associate Memberships for Veterinarians who attend the annual UCD Symposium.

4. Calpaca Storage Unit

Joyce is going to cancel the CALPACA storage unit and we will store all the show stuff in the CALPACA trailer

5. November Calpaca Meeting

Discussion of whether to change the location due to Critterville moving to the very northern part of California. We have already had one meeting in the northern area (Chico) so decision made to ask Rick Brady to host the meeting since the meeting at his ranch two years ago was moved due to the snots outbreak.

Legislative Update

1. Tom Peterson Reported the Septic Tank Bill has moved to the Rules Committee where he expects it will be sent to the local jurisdictions to adjust for uses that are pertinent to the local codes.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Rabe, Secretary

Minutes Approved July 13, 2009