

Calpaca July 13, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Started: 7:00pm

Attending: *Dennis Rabe, Jack Jordan, Tom Petersen, Bonnie Potter, Dale Davis*. Also joining the board for committee reports were: *Dianna Jordan, Joyce Judy*

Absent: *None*

Meeting Ended: 8:26pm

Committee Reports:

1. Lambtown: *Dale Davis and Joyce Judy*

Discussion: Joyce is going to send out an announcement by July 15. October 3rd is the date of the show; the fleece show will begin on October 2nd, with the all mail in fleece show. The show is different than a typical AOBA show with the sale of fleece after the show and the sale of pet/fiber males. Sellers are responsible for having a Seller's Permit and for collecting and paying sales tax. The fleece show forms are out to AOBA, and Robyn Houts has signed the contract for judging responsibilities. Joyce will be posting the forms on the Lambtown website and she is working with them to correct the site and the site information. CALPACA is charging \$35 per alpaca male for the male sale, there is no reservation of pens, and pen space may be shared for efficiency. There will be an onsite vet inspection but no requirement for BVDV or Vet Cert. The maximum that can be charged for an alpaca is \$500 (no minimum), and buyer can purchase no fewer than two alpacas unless they already have alpacas. CALPACA will be providing a standard contract. Dale is working on the Barn Map and Joyce, Dale and Bruce Nelson will be meeting to review it as it is completed. Dale has found some 4h brochures from Ohio State to use for handing out to the interested participants. Joan Clappier will be teaching Alpacas 101 to new owners and perhaps David Barboza will be there to discuss the AOBA Youth Association.

2. CA Classic: *Joyce and Dianna*

a. Credit Card fiasco update

Discussion: Diane reported that the issue is coming under control. She is close to having the issue resolved, with only a few more charges to make. She hopes that it will all be behind us soon. The people affected were very good about helping get the info Diane needed. The merchant we use for the credit card service over reacted to a question and helped to create a bigger problem that it should have been.

Joyce has secured Sara Jane McClennan and Amy Bliss-Miller for the 2010 California Classic judges. Joyce would like to purchase new communication equipment for use at the shows (4-5 radios at \$200 each) The show will be held in Pleasanton at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in 2010. Joyce is looking into finding panels for the pens since next year the IAO panels aren't easily available. She is going to see if she can find some creative solutions for providing panels in the future. Dianna has spoken to Jack and Joyce about finding a "shadow" to learn her position so she can step back from the management of the Classic. The lead list has not yet been sent to the CALPACA volunteers and silent auction donors.

3. Marketing: *Dale Davis*

Discussion: No Report at this time. The committee has all received homework and they are a large motivated committee that should hit the ground running.

4. Legislative News: *Tom Peterson*

Discussion: The legislative budget impasse seems to be breaking down, and they may soon come to grips with the inept handling of the state budget process. AB580 (Septic

Tanks) is now sitting in committee, so it isn't getting much more pressure to move forward. The mood around the state is not good, people are not happy with their elected officials, and they are going to face the ire of the voting public.

Secretaries Report: *Dennis Rabe*

Discussion: Bonnie sent out the corrected minutes to the board for email approval of the Minutes from the June 8th, 2009 meeting. Once they are reviewed and approved by the board they will be forwarded on to Joan Clappier for addition to the Website.

Treasurer's Report: *Jack Jordan*

Discussion:

1. Status of Tax Filings by the Accountant: *Jack Jordan*

Update: Jack expects the filings to occur within the next week.

2. Status of New Calpaca Accounts: *Jack Jordan*

Discussion: Jack received the address for Joyce's local bank and has worked out the details for Aase and the newsletter account as well. All that needs to happen now is to have the signature cards returned so he can hand out the checkbooks.

Old/Unfinished Business

1. CA State Fair

Discussion: There will be a State fair August 21st through Labor Day. Bonnie is working with them to set our time frame. It will probably be Thursday August 27th through Monday the 31st Bonnie will be getting in touch with the membership for volunteers to man the CALPACA Demonstration Area.

2. Email Re: AWE Location for 2010

Discussion: Bonnie is curious about the purpose of the survey and how it will be used. Bonnie will be sending a letter to the AWE group to express our concern about not having the show close to us, and our desire to see it return to Reno.

3. Camelid Community Meeting July 31-Aug 2 Kansas City

Discussion: Jack is ready to go and will be there to represent Calpaca at the meeting. He is enthused about the topics that are on tap to be discussed. Bonnie asked Jack to check the feeling of what is happening in regard to camelids showing up at livestock auctions. And is anyone getting a "rescue" type group together? What is the Camelid Community's responsibility to the industry? Jack will see if he can add it to the roundtable discussion topics.

4. Calpaca Trailer

Discussion: The trailer has been moved to Jack and Dianna's ranch where it will remain until the next event. It has new tires and is ready to go. The equipment and "stuff" we have collected over the years for our events is now gathered together in the trailer.

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

Discussion: No discussion at this time.

6. Calpaca Meeting Selection Expectations

Discussion: We will be discussing this as we get closer to getting volunteers for hosting meetings for next year.

7. Request for Funding for Gircom

Discussion: Bonnie found out that there are 9 affiliates and we probably don't want to do a matching donation with all of them. So we need to "challenge" just a couple of the closer ones. Tom suggested that we just challenge SoCALPACA and make it a California challenge. The group decided to include SOJAA as well.

Motion: Tom Peterson moved that we challenge the other two affiliates (SoCalpaca and SOJAA) to donate \$1,000 and we would match their donation with a \$1,000 donation. So we will donate an initial \$1,000 and have the potential outlay of \$3,000

Second: Dale Davis

Ayes	5	Nays	
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Dissenting: None

8. Calpaca Storage Unit

Discussion: The storage unit is now off the CALPACA books, Joyce has cleared our equipment out of it.

New Business

1. Calpaca New Member Ambassador

Discussion: Dale has an interested CALPACA member who would like to lead the mentoring of new CALPACA members as they become introduced to the business. Len Chyet out of Carson City Nevada is new to the business himself, so he is acutely aware of the type of things that a new member would like to know. The concept initially suggested was to do a bi-annual meeting for CALPACA sponsored class on the basics that need to be passed on to make their alpaca ownership successful. The board was very conscious that the mentoring program is not intended to replace any mentoring programs that are already in place by ranches but rather to supplement them. This could be a good way for CALPACA to lead the way as an excellent source of information.

Motion: Dale Davis moved to have Len provide an outline of what the ambassador is, and what the position duties would include for board review.

Second: Dennis Rabe

Ayes	5	Nays	
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Dissenting: None

2. Location and Date of November Calpaca Meeting

Discussion: The general meeting in November will be moved up from the 14th to the 7th of November.

3. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for after General Meeting

Discussion: The Board meeting will be August 10th, just after the Saturday August 8th General Meeting.

Membership Announcement:

New CALPACA Members:

Stan Andreson & Jan Pederson of Frontier Alpacas in Placerville, CA

Jane Lillard & Elizabeth Loud of LL Alpacas in Wilton, CA

Minutes submitted by Dennis Rabe, Secretary