

Calpaca Board Meeting Minutes September 14, 2009

Meeting Started: 8:06pm

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

Absent: *Tom Petersen*

Meeting Ended: 9:38pm

Committee and Event Reports

1. **Lambtown:** *Joyce and Dale*

a. Fleece Show and Pen Sale update

We have not heard from AOBA regarding the grant for Lambtown, although the grant committee approved the grant and sent it to the AOBA board.

Registration is low; we have 37 male sale entries, and 41 fleece show entries.

Judy anticipates a few more, probably about 50 total entries. Clinic, seminar and advertising budgets have been scaled back to help cover costs. There

are several sponsors but at this time the show is approximately \$2,400 in the red, not counting the possible loss of the grant funds. Judy doesn't anticipate a surge of entries for the fleece or male show. Both aspects are short of our desired numbers. Bonnie suggested we follow up with the members to survey them regarding why they were not interested in supporting this years

Lambtown event, perhaps asking questions on the ballot during the board

election. Dale will be sending out an email blast to let everyone know the entry deadline for the fleece show will be extended for one week, and

reminding everyone that the male sale will still be open. Joyce is still looking

for volunteers to set up the pens. There hasn't been a surge of 4H people to help, but the desire is to introduce them to alpacas at this event. The

performance demonstration is expected to help in this regard.

Motion: Jack Jordan moved to have funding for the performance demonstration to purchase the materials for building the obstacles, of up to \$100.

Second: Dale Davis

Discussion: Spending money on elaborate obstacles should be tabled to the time when we are having a judged show, and can match the obstacles to AOBA criteria,

So for now we should keep the set up simple

Ayes	4	Nays	0
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b. Calpaca Booth Staffing

Bonnie needs volunteer staff from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM to help at the

CALPACA booth. CALPACA has 6' table cloths, and the tables are 8' so

Bonnie will be working on finding some alternatives for making the tablecloths

work. The booth needs two 6' tables and 2 chairs for the booth. Joyce will

see if Lambtown can provide 6' tables.

2. **CA Classic:** *Joyce and Dianna*

At this time the committee is comfortable with the progress on the show for

April 24th and 25th of 2010. The contracts will be going out shortly for the paid

positions at the show. The configuration will change to allow for additional participants in 2010 and help make the show even more enjoyable for all.

3. Marketing: Dale

a. Project Update

The initial booklets are nearly completed, and the marketing committee has focused their efforts on building tools for the members to use in their marketing programs.

b. Booklet Content Review/Approval

Motion: Dale Davis moved to approve the printing of 250 of the Alpacas 101 basic, 250 copies of Fiber basics and 250 copies of the 4H pamphlet for distribution at Lambtown. Concept vote at this time pending an actual cost vote by email.

Second: Dennis Rabe

Ayes	4	Nays	0
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4. Legislative News: Tom

The report will be delivered later

5. UC Davis Camelid Symposium: Bonnie and Dale

The budgeting is still being worked for the Jan 16th and 17th of 2010, and the scheduled speakers include:

Dr. David Anderson of Kansas State

Dr Jane Vaughan of Australia

Dr. Pam Walker of Ohio State

Cathy Spalding of Washington State

Secretaries Report: Dennis

1. July Board Minutes Approval

Motion: Dale Davis moved to approve the July Board Meeting Minutes

Second: Jack Jordan

Ayes	4	Nays	
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2. August Membership Minutes

Are going to be sent to Joan to post on the website

Treasurer's Report: Jack

1. Status of Filings by Accountant

Certificate of PCI Compliance has been completed and approved.

2. Status of new Calpaca accounts

We are almost complete with the bank accounts, only hung up on the completion of the signature cards. Jack is looking forward to finding a new Credit card processor.

Old/Unfinished Business

1. CA State Fair

Rough copy of the leads has been sent out to the folks who participated at the fair. Bonnie acquired some yarn, roving and finished products to demonstrate the use of alpaca fiber in the display.

Motion: Dale moved to approve the reimbursement of Bonnie's expenditures to make sure we had a variety of display items

Second: Jack Jordan

Ayes	4	Nays	0
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2. Report from Camelid Community Meeting

Written report from the meeting was distributed by email to the Board.

3. Future Calpaca Meeting Selection Update

Bonnie sent out an email to the membership regarding requests to host a 2010 meeting, and there have been several requests to get on the meeting schedule. We discussed that we need to get a formal request form in place for farms to use to present their meeting proposals so that we have more information about the potential educational programs that are presented to ensure quality and value for our members.

- a. Marty McGee funding request. Because Marty plans her speaking engagements a year ahead of time, we have a special request from Ah Sweet Alpacas who has a tentative date on her schedule, pending Board approval. The fee she quoted to speak at our May meeting would be a \$1,500 honorarium plus travel expenses, which is half the price of her standard fee of \$3,000.

Motion: Dale Davis moved to pre-approve Ah Sweet Alpacas ranch for a meeting with the goal of securing Marty as a speaker with the potential expenditure of a maximum of \$2,000 for her speaking fee and travel expenses.

Second: Jack Jordan

Ayes	4	Nays	0
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4. Calpaca New Member Ambassador

Tabled to the next board meeting, still waiting for proposal.

5. Request for Funding from GIRCOM

The \$1,000 expenditure is still pending, but there is new information from the other affiliates about a match to our funding.

6. Election Candidates Update

Bonnie sent an email to the members with an Oct 5th deadline for candidate submissions. Jack Jordan will be running for the board, and will let Joan know about his intent. We have also heard from Kay Rodriguez and are waiting for other applicants.

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

Nothing to report at this time.

New Business

1. Alpaca Fiber Symposium Sponsorship Oct 23rd, 24th, and 25th 2009 in Denver

The Symposium is quickly approaching and they are looking for sponsors

Motion: Jack Jordan moved to approve the sponsorship of \$500 for the Symposium

Second: Dale Davis

Ayes	4	Nays	0
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2. AOBA 2009 Student Design Competition

Tabled to the next meeting pending review by the board members.

Bonnie has noted that there are probably 25 to schools in California participating in the competition. There are at least 3 textile schools in the Sacramento area alone.

Bonnie will get more information about schools and/or candidates in the Calpaca area.

Membership Announcement:

New CALPACA Members: None to announce at this time.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 12 at 7 PM.

Submitted by Dennis Rabe, Secretary