

# Calpaca Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2010

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

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

Absent: none

Meeting Ended: 8:53 pm

## Committee and Event Reports

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

Joyce advised there is no new news. Joyce said they are looking for a judge for event. They have been looking at Dave Barboza. Discussion started on having David judge so close to his own "backyard." Could be a possible conflict for some exhibitors. Also suggested was Babs Marion. Kay advised Babs agreed to be fleece judge for Grass Valley show. Dennis suggested Joyce call Amanda to see if there is an up and coming judge that is fairly local that needs the experience. Joyce advised money is ok for now but may need more seed money as this may turn out to be a marketing event. Jack advised may need to submit another budget to get more seed monies. Joyce advised Dale had submitted a budget already. Dale stated that formal budget has not been done as of yet since a date has not yet been decided on. Joyce to meet with Dana and get a firm date of October 2 only or Calpaca will not participate this year. Jack asked if all bills from last show paid. Joyce advised yes.

**Motion:** No motion made at this time. More information is needed.

**Second:**

Ayes		Nays	
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### 2. **FALL SHOW:** *Kay*

Kay sent draft budget to all board members to look at. Judges have been confirmed; Diana Timmerman to be halter judge and Babs Marion to be fleece judge. Kay advised that they wanted to keep the show a level 3 so they would sell out this year and get a better feel for the facility. Dale questioned the sponsorships and Kay advised they would use the same names as The Classic but limit it to only 2 levels and change the perks to fit this facility. Kay advised show to be called Gold Country Gathering. Board ok with show name. Show dates will be October 24-25, 2010 at the Grass Valley Fairgrounds.

Motion: Dennis made motion to go forward with fall show

Second: Jack

Ayes 5      Nays

Jack to get paperwork started for new checking account to be in both Kay and Eva's name this week.

3. **CA CLASSIC:** Joyce

Tom wanted to hear feedback on last year's show and what we were doing to correct any complaints. Dianna advised that the only real complaint (in writing) was no ramp for dumpster. Joyce advised that this has been taken care of. Dennis asked about the dust problem and it has been suggested that starting Tuesday night through Thursday night that the set up crew hose the ring area and any other area that can be done. (Sorry, this is where my computer locked up, missed some points) Dale still looking for barn manager?

4. **UPDATE ON SYMPOSIUM** – Bonnie

Bonnie advised that the plans for the Symposium are going really well and that there are still about 25 seats left. Everyone really excited about this year's speakers. All board members commented on what a first class event this is.

5. **TRESURER REPORT:** Jack

Jack sent out recap on Calpaca finances, and still holding about \$50,000 in checking account with membership revenue due to come in. \$7,000 of endowment money included in this amount. Jack was not sure on whom to send check to and was advised to talk to Rick Brady since he has been in this from the beginning. Tom asked about presentation ceremonies and was advised that the Scholarship ceremony was in May but endowment was just a deposit.

6. **SHARING OF MEMBERSHIP LIST:** Tom

There has been a request for an excel file with our current membership list. Our membership is listed on the website and in the membership directory. Lin Murray has an excel file for accounting purposes and it was discussed about having this available to our members as a down load from the web site. Joan to be asked if this is possible and what the cost would be.

MOTION: No motion made at this time. Need to find out costs and if it is possible to ad to web site.

7. **AMBASSADOR:** Dale

Dale is asking to start a new member ambassador program. The most likely candidate to hand this is Lin Murray but she may have too much going on to do this. Dale to approach Lin and see if she is up to it. Another possibility is to set up districts or have the Vice President handle this as a start. Ambassador would help new members with web site, Calpaca meeting schedules and any other questions that new members might have. Try to get new members more involved in Calpaca activities.

8. **AOBA NEWS:**

Discussion on recent AOBA emails and poor communication between AOBA board and the AOBA membership. Tom and Dale suggest that we, Calpaca, as one of the larger affiliates, really push to keep communication going and try to set an example in leadership. AOBA board seems to have personal agendas and not listening to membership.

9. **GIRCOM** – Bonnie

Bonnie advised that GIRCOM is working on a survey to the industry to see if they have farm insurance. Members may not be aware that it is available and what it would cover.

10. **Minutes** are behind. Board discussed procedure to get them to membership sooner. It was decided that Kay will send to Tom and once Tom has made changes, then they will be sent to the rest of the board for review. Once everyone has reviewed them, final draft to be sent to Joan to be posted on web site. This not to take more than 2 weeks from meeting date. Minutes to be approved by email.

11. **MARKETING COMMITTEE:** Dale

More and more people are asking what to do with their fiber. This will be one of the topics for the marketing committee to start addressing. There are other outlets beside making yarn or sending to the co-ops. Will try to have new resources for membership prior to next meeting.

12. **CONNECTING MORE WITH SOCALPACA:**

SoCalpaca has been asking for us to be more involved with them. Thoughts on this were discussed and board decided to possibly invite a SoCal board member to be in on teleconferences. This would be the beginning of meetings when we have non-board members on the call and discuss shows and events.

Decisions:

Need budget for Lamtown and firm date from Dana if Calpaca to participate.

Board gave go ahead for new fall show, the “Gold Country Gathering”

CA Classic is moving along. Will post complaints and solutions on web site.

Symposium almost sold out

Calpaca treasury in good shape

Ambassador to be looked for and responsibilities to be decided

AOBA to be supported

SoCalpaca to be invited to our meetings

Looking into downloadable membership list

New project for Marketing Committee – other thing to do with our fiber

Next meeting February 8 at 7pm