

Calpaca Board Teleconference
April 13, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Present – Jack, Dale, Kay, Joyce and Dianna at 7pm. Tom joined at 7:10. Dennis joined about 7:35pm.

1. March 1 minutes approved via email and posted. Dale makes motion to approve and Jack second...passed.
2. Show updates – Jack advised that he has purchased new walkie-talkies, poop buckets and is working on the ramp for performance.
California Classic- Dale advised 115 ranches signed up. Obstacles are coming along great and Dale asked Jack to purchase more grass/carpet for the photographer booth. Joyce sent out new budget to reflect economy. 425 halter entries were budgeted, more registered. Pens sold out. Dianna advised not enough people to man the Calpaca booth. Dale advised her to get out the Calpaca book and start calling. Ribbons are ordered. Wine and catering are all good. Joyce advises that IAO agreed to reduce the cost of panels for 2011.
Dixon Caper-Dale advised no new news from her. Joyce advised there are some hard feelings between Lambtown planners. We were invited to join them but we booked an area. Joyce trying to smooth things over. Joyce is taking on a bigger role to give Bruce Nelson more time with family.
Gold Country Gathering-Kay finally got contract from venue. Need to get checking account set up, Jack advises working on it. Joyce to be spin-off coordinator. Shady Ridge will be spin-off judge.
3. Old Business
History of UCD opting out of OSU/OSU Symposiums-Dale advised she has talked to Dr Julie Dechant, and she advised the history was before her time. Dale to try to talk to Dr Fowler and get detail and interest level. Dale is hoping the Dr Fowler will want to join in. More to follow. Ask every other month.
AFCNA- Tom advises that the AFCNA president did not answer Calpaca's questions. Tom has not heard anything back from president. Joyce apologized for AFCNA's response and will try to get everything answered and organize another clip collection.
RFP's for event leadership-Dale advises she will not have anything until end of June. Too much going on at this point.
Marketing Committee/Marketing Materials-Dale advises nothing on this until June. Just not enough time to do well.
Non-renewals of Membership-Tom 2009 174/29 down 2010 154/24. Tom will work with Lin to see why renewals down. A lot of SoCalpaca members have joined us. The August meeting will be in a SoCal location and they are very happy to have us there.

Ambassador Activity-Dale advised she has asked Dianna to take over the ambassador program. Dianna has a lot of ideas but will advise us after CA Classic is complete.

Credit Card Account for Gold Country Gathering-Jack advises that we can accept credit cards but this needs to be done by hand. Jack advises that we can accept credit cards on paper only, not online. Kay advises that she will handle for Gold Country but will not speak for CA Classic. Dale is worried about the expectation for the Classic. Classic will have to address this. Jack to look for something for Classic and we will look at this again in July.

Baler- Was loaned to Mike Scott in Calpaca's name but Ian Watt owned it out right and it is now sold and living in CO.

Trailer move from Pleasanton to Dixon – still has no one to move trailer.

Might need to pay member to get trailer moved prior to show. All agree to pursue this. Dale to store from Pleasanton until Dixon. Kay to pick up at Dixon and store at Grass Valley. Jack to ask Russell Raiti to move as needed with payment.

4. Finance report-Jack advised he spent \$2,300 for the Ca Classic. This included the poop carts and walkie talkies. Need to move some money around. Symposium is still closing books. Ca Classic still working on last year show. Still need to give UC Davis scholarship money. Awards to take place in May. Tom to attend award ceremony. Jack has not heard from UC Davis regarding award amount for this year. Dale made a motion to donate \$4,000 to the scholarship fund and leave endowment interest to return to endowment account. Dennis second, all agreed. Motion carried.
5. AG Day- was March 21. Bruce brought a few boys and other people brought socks and other alpaca items. Calpaca did donate \$3,000 for a sponsorship. We did not get verbal recognition and Tom approached the organizers.
6. Connection-Tom has not heard back from Aase. We are still not sure that Aase understand what we expect from her. We need to see her finances and paper to back up transactions. Jack to send what he has received from her in the past.
7. AOBA/ARI Elections-All board members have voted. Many affiliates are talking about leaving AOBA. Calpaca to stay. We hope that the candidate's deeds will improve. Calpaca to draft a "Call to action" letter to the new AOBA board. Tom to do draft.
8. Dr. Elizabeth Adams DVM-Tom advises that Dr Adams was not the first scholarship recipient to practice in CA. Should Calpaca be announcing a new vet? Board agrees that yes, we should send something out to the membership to announce a new vet.
9. Student Design Competition-Tom and Dale both got letters from their students.
10. Quarterly meeting speakers agreement (draft attached)-Tom
11. Reporting the 2010 clip by county-Tom advised that we need to collect clip information under the Calpaca umbrella. Tom to donate a bottle of Chardonnay to the ranch with the heaviest clip.

12. Other Business-All-Tennessee Alpaca Association to leave AOBA. We will come back to this after elections and AOBA is sent our letter.
13. SoCalpaca was invited to join us tonight but they had their own meeting scheduled for this evening.
14. Moving quarterly November meeting to December 4 to accommodate Dr Bravo's schedule. We will send out emails and make change date. Dale made motion, Dennis second...motion approved by all. Tom advised will have RFP for speakers to sign.
15. Fiber to Foot is asking for another sponsorship. All on board agree to do the same sponsorship. Kay made motion, Dale second. Motion to give Fiber to Foot \$500 carried.
16. Kay advised that lama and alpaca's are being given away or sold roadside to unknown owners. Dale advised maybe it's time to start a posting board and stop the rumors. This would also be a good place for our ambassadors to help out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

For review at a later meeting:

June – Dale to have RFP and marketing updates

Review Aase's budget and expenses

Tom to draft letter to AOBA after election

Posting board for rescue alpacas

July – Jack to have credit card information for shows