

Calpaca Board Teleconference
May 24, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Tom, Jack, Kay, Dennis and Dale.

1. April minutes approved via email and posted – need Tom's changes for May 8 minutes.
2. Show updates – Tom took all suggestion and is compiling all comments to send to AOBA. Kay and Jack gave their ideas. Both agreed they would hire her (Sue Ives) back.
Dixon Caper-Dale advised moving along. Certification soon, judge hired and we have all the barns agreed on with Lambtown. Working on volunteers next.
Gold Country Gathering-Kay advised that there is a llama show at the fairgrounds this weekend and they are using 4 foot panels. Going to check them out and report back.
3. Old Business:
History of UCD opting out of OSU/OSU Symposiums-Dale advised that since Murray left they have equine Deans and horses make them much more money. Would have to get story from Murray, he would be the only one who could give us true history.
RFP's for event leadership-Report at June meeting
Marketing Committee/Marketing Materials-Dale to give in June
Ambassador Activity-Hand off completed? Yes! Ambassadors are working with new members.
Credit Card Account for Gold Country Gathering-Jack has not had a chance to look at this. School out next week and will have time after that.
Trailer move completed and at Dale's house until Dixon. Russell moved and we are waiting for his bill.
4. Finance report-Jack advises we have been spending money. Does not have final numbers from 2009 Classic. Joyce has been advised needs to close out 2009 and she will get to it to us ASAP. Need to get it together for taxes.
Jack advised that we have about \$45,000 to use at our discretion. There are several accounts for all our events and discussion came up on what should the minimum balance in each account be. Would there be any IRS problems if we left money in accounts? Need to establish a minimum and maximum in all accounts. Jack is comfortable with a \$1000 balance. He can view bank statements online.
5. Connection-Tom advised he had talk to Aase to see if Connection has been mailed. Got email today saying that the Connection was mailed on the 20th. Never got to see her editorial before it went to print. Jack advised that he transferred \$1500 to this account to make sure there are no shortages this month. Still waiting on an accounting of money for the Connection.
6. Reporting the 2010 clip by county-Tom has received 10 responses and will send out emails until August.
7. New Business-All

2011 Symposium - January 15-16, 2011. Speakers that are confirmed for next year:

From England, Claire Whitehead DVM, speaking on Repro including Best Breeding Practices, Reproduction Problems and what to do about them. Also covering Neonate care including Angular Limb Deformities and Rickets in Crias, Differentiation of rickets from ALDs and other origiry how to prevent and treat rickets.

Others that have been contacted as possible speakers and have the time available that weekend:

Pat Long, DVM - Nutrition, parasites, more

Dr Nancy Martin, DVM – holistic medicine, chiropractic and acupuncture

Dr Susan Tornquist – Mycoplasma haemolamae

Murray Fowler – something interesting

Julie Decant – report on antibody study

Steve Hull – pasture management, rotation, parasite pasture management, etc

2012 and beyond plan to bring back Dr Tibary and Dr Cebra.

2011 Shows/Judges/Event Leadership/Superintendent – are we too late to get judges and superintendent. Need to work on a consistent way to choose these people. Hopefully, RFP will be up and running by 2012. Also, ask senior judges to see who they would recommend from the new judges.

Ca Classic needs to get their judges booked. Will advise Joyce to pick the biggest name and work down list. Should we pay our event managers?

Board agreed to pay \$1000 plus expenses. Also get a free stall and a patron sponsorship. If 2 people working on event, the \$1000 to be split. Starting this in 2011.

UCD Vet Hospital – they are downsizing. Economy is hitting everyone.

Equine got a three million grant. Alpacas cannot compete.

Strengthening AOBA relationship-what do we want out of AOBA – Tom drafted letter to be sent to new board. Board agreed on letter and it will be sent out.

Hosting a Calpaca meeting financial guidelines – do we need to update the guidelines? We need to make sure we do not get any surprises. Need to get RFP for meeting speakers. Ask our hosts to give us two proposals for the meeting. Board to send out RFP and sign contracts. Need to get info for December meeting.

Camelid Club Members as Associates at no charge – 2 scholarship recipients have been added but we need to add all Camelid club members.

May 11 UCD Calpaca scholarship awards – Bonnie attended, winners are Jessica Axelrad, a second year student who has spent time with Dr Pollard, and Alison Hoffman, a third year student and is planning a rotation at the Research Station in Peru. Congratulations to both.

8. Other business

Trips to England-Dennis advised had a great time.

IAO Dale and Kay advised IAO was very successful. Cottage was very well received.

AWE - AWE cannot pay their bills. Would like the affiliates to put in money to pay bills. Calpaca board would like to see AWE budget before they commit to any \$. Will get budget and send to board for review.

Oil spill-fleece response – no address to send fleece to. Carol Anne Lonson took 300 pounds to Petco. Good cause but spill is so large and we would not get paid for. Number don't make sense.

Bee article on UCD Vet School – CA tax problems still ongoing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

For June:

Update on marketing committee – Dale

AWE – dead? - Kay

RFP's from Dale, updated