

Minutes from August 12 Calpaca meeting

Our last meeting was held at Ador Alpaca, home of Bill and Jeannie Dorrance. Bonnie Potter was in charge of getting this meeting going since our fearless leader was in Nashville at the AOBA affiliates meeting. All other board members were present. Bonnie called the meeting to order and gave great big thanks to Bill and Jeannie for having us.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the last meeting as posted on the web site and in the Connection. Motion carried.

Rick gave our treasurer report. Calpaca had a lot of expenses in the past few months but we continue to be a very strong organization. With the Breed Standard Conference now completed and the membership directory out, we had a final balance in the checking of \$9,176.93. Our saving account balance is \$22,455.21. Our assets of \$7,131.17, giving Calpaca a total of \$38,763.31.

Rick also advised us that the UC Davis scholarship fund was awarded last month. Last year fund was for \$3,500 and it was again divided between 2 recipients, Michael Lyon from the San Luis Obispo area, and Meredith Dutton.

Rick also advised that we may be able to start an endowment fund this year. With the amazing silent auction proceeds from the California Classic and the up coming Monterey Pronk, a start up fund of ten thousand dollars can be done! The details are still being worked out but it could be a wonderful thing for Calpaca and the UC Davis students. More on this as we get the details ironed out.

Joan Clappier gave us an update on the new web site. The member's only section is revamped and will be available for all of us to update our ranch information this week. Joan will be emailing everyone with their user names and log in information. This will enable everyone to change their address, email address and list the services that their ranch offers. Great job Joan!

Old Business:

The Breed Standard Type Conference is now behind us and what a wonderful job Bonnie did on this. We had 105 attendees and the results are now posted on the Calpaca web site and the AOBA site.

New Business:

November is coming fast and that means 2 board positions are up again. Where does the time go? Vicki Arns has agreed to handle the nominations so if there is someone who you think would be good for Calpaca (make sure you ask them first) let Vicki know.

The 2007 meeting sites have been chosen. Thank you to everyone that volunteered as a host for next year. Our 2007 meetings will be held at the following ranches:

Jan Davis, Derwydd Alpacas in February

Tom and Robyn Houts, Southern Cross Farm in May

Amanda Villareal, Brown Valley Alpacas in August

Rick and Pam Brady, Oak Valley Alpacas in November

Naomi was on hand to give us the latest updates on the Monterey Pronk. There has been some confusion in the shorn and composite classes. Naomi advised that we all consult our AOBA show books for clarification on what a composite class is and that we check our fleece lengths to see where our alpacas are right now. Also, BVD testing is going to be required at every AOBA show from now on, so please get your animals tested right away and check out the Monterey Pronk web site for all the health requirements.

Joan gave us a little update on the upcoming Fiber to Fashion show coming in November to Reno. AOBA will be having the final Breed Standard type conference prior to the F2F show. Once again, volunteers are needed to help with the show so if you are not going to all the seminars and may have some free time, please volunteer.

Joyce Judy gave us an update on the Sales Tax committee. Joyce, John Muir and Sandra Wallace have been doing a lot of research on this subject and we are looking for an expert to help interpret a lot of the present laws and how to change them to be more favorable for our beautiful alpacas. This is going to be a long work in progress. Many thanks to this hard working group.

Kay spoke a little on the 2007 AWE show also coming to Reno in April. An article on the show will be in the next Connection.

The meeting was adjourned at noon to enjoy a wonderful potluck lunch. Bill and Jeannie provided lasagna and lunch was followed by a talk from Dr Bill Seals, DVM, about the importance of proper levels of minerals in our alpaca's diets.