

November 10, 2007 Calpaca meeting

Our November meeting should have been at Rick and Pam Brady's but with the "snots" going around, the board agreed with Rick that an outside location was in everyone's best interest. Thank you Pam and Rick for arranging the new meeting location at the Stockton Grand Hotel on such short notice. And thank you to all our members for understanding.

All board members were present for this meeting and we had over 70 members on hand.

The treasurer's report was the first order of business and Rick once again advises that Calpaca is a very strong organization. While some funds are going to the UC Davis Symposium and there are still a few Pronk items coming in, total cash on hand \$41,770.17. Rick was also pleased to announce that the UC Davis endowment fund is now over \$20,000.00! We still do not have a definite figure on what it will pay this year toward our scholarship fund, but it is growing quickly. With the proceeds from the Monterey Pronk silent auction, we should be able to give a \$4,000 scholarship this year.

Lisa Theis was not on hand to give the membership report but we did have at least 8 first time attendees at this meeting and 9 new members since our last meeting. Total membership is now at 246, with 35 associate members.

Minutes from last meeting were approved posted on the web site.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The MONTEREY PRONK was a huge success. Naomi was not on hand but wanted to thank all the volunteers, planning committee and sponsors who help to make this years show possible. Next years event will be September 26-28, 2008. We will be applying for a Level 3 halter and fleece show. Naomi will continue as event manager with Dianna Jordan being the on site event manager. The fleece show will be moved to the old show ring and under a tent to make it more accessible.

NATIONAL ALPACA FARM DAY – Bruce advised that he went to the AOBA Marketing Committee to plead our case of NAFD conflicting with the Monterey Pronk. The marketing committee did not grant our compromise of having National Alpaca Farm Week. So, we are asking all members to please fill out the AOBA survey and make your thoughts known that we cannot move the Monterey Pronk to a different date or location and that NAFD will compete with the Pronk for the next 4 years. Please email, write or call Kim DeVos and make your feelings known that they are hurting our event.

AFCNA – Jan Sherrill and Dianna Jordan advised that the fleece collection was a great success. Dianna rode with Dave Barboza to Mora, New Mexico to deliver the fleeces, and drove a total of 2800 miles. SOJAA donated \$1000 and Calpaca \$1500 to cover the expenses and we now have seed money for next years clip. Jan advised that they collected 10% of the annual contributions in this one run and that it consisted of 162 boxes, 718 fleeces and total weight was 2302.3 pounds of fleeces for the co-op! Jan was

also very pleased to announce that Ian Watts has donated a wool press to make next years collection easier to handle. Jan and Dianna will keep us updated on the pick up sites and dates for next year's collection.

SALES/USE TAX – AB1050 – Bonnie advised that we might go to the democratic side to get our bill back from suspense. We are also looking into the possibility of hiring a lobbyist to help our cause. More research is being done.

The CALPACA TRAILER is still for sale. It was brought up for discussion that it be used to transport the wool press for AFCNA to the different pick up spots. The new board will discuss this further.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

UC DAVIS SYMPOSIUM – Joan advised that everything is going well with the symposium and that seats are getting limited. Please get your registration and sponsorships in soon. There will be again 3 tracks, with something for every level of alpaca owner. Dr. Ahmed Tibary, Dr Pat Long, Dr Murray Fowler, Dr La Rue Johnson, Dr. Rob Pollard and UCD Faculty will discuss many topics during the 2 day event. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are now available. Please go to the Calpaca web site for more information.

GIRCOM is looking at establishing a repository of legislation, regulation & acts as a source of lessons learned for those needing help; alpacas are on track to be included in both the Senate and House versions of the Federal Farm Bill; discussed the conflict in CA because of NAFD being held the last full weekend in September, and it was suggested that Calpaca contact the Marketing Committee for help; Microchip ID Health Concerns discussed due to the AP article on cancer caused by microchips utilized in lab animals. N. Evans reported that Dr. Cheryl London (veterinary oncologist at Ohio State) found that mice and rats used in laboratories seem to be more prone to cancer. Dr. London studied 10 Million dogs and cats with microchips and there were only 4 sarcomas reported near the injection site. Alpaca Respiratory Distress discussed with recommendation to involve ICI and ARF. California Wildfires discussed with goal of finding opportunities to help. Recommended that B. Potter be the POC for the Disaster Relief Coordinator of the California Veterinary Medical Association, which was done. Alpaca and Llama associations were informed that if assistance was needed to contact Bonnie.

CALIFORNIA CLASSIC – Joyce and Dianna advise that plans are going well for the show. Most key volunteer positions have been filled but a few still remain. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact either Joyce or Dianna. Our judges will be Kevin O'Leary and Suzanne Tuccillo and show dates are April 25-27, 2008. Mark your calendars and make plans now to attend.

AWE – Kay advised that the next AWE show will be in Portland next year. There is talk of CABA, one of the affiliates that make up the WASA board, may be putting on their

own show in Portland every year. If this turns out to be the case then AWE will move to Reno, NV permanently. This would be great for Calpaca members. More to follow on this show.

AFFILATE CONGRESS – Bruce advised that there are 5 initiatives that are currently being presented to the AOBA board. They will be meeting next Wednesday. More to follow on this.

ADJUSTING NOVEMBER MEETINGS – It has been agreed on by the board that our November meeting dates will become flexible so everyone has the opportunity to attend the annual election and go to AlpacaFest West. Ample notice will be given if the November meeting is to be moved.

ELECTIONS – This is our annual election and we are saying good-bye to our president, Bruce Nelson and our treasurer, Rick Brady. Bonnie Potter, Tom Peterson, Jack Jordan and Ken Rosenfeld are our four candidates running for the 3 open positions. Bonnie and Jack were both in attendance while Tom and Ken were already committed to AlpacaFest West. During the lunch break ballots were counted and your new Calpaca board is:

Bonnie Potter	President
Joan Clappier	Vice President
Jack Jordan	Treasurer
Kay Rodriguez	Secretary
Ken Rosenfeld	Director

We welcome Jack and Ken to the board and Bonnie back to the board. We think this board will work together as well as the past board and will miss Bruce and Rick. Also, it was voted that future Calpaca shows, starting with next years Monterey Pronk, will be judged as a 60/40 show, assuming 60/40-qualified judges are available.

The general meeting was adjourned at 1:30. Dr Rob Pollard and Dr Julie Dechant were both on hand to talk about the recent outbreak going through the national herd and Dr Dechant also talked about how to handle vet emergencies and what to provide for the vet when calling in an emergency.

Our February 8 meeting will be held at Lilly of the Valley Alpacas in Modesto, hosted by Nancy and Dennis Lilly.