

Minutes – Calpaca Meeting – February 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am at the home of Dennis and Nancy Lilly, Lilly of the Valley Alpacas in Modesto. New members and prospective members introduced themselves.

Minutes – Kay Rodriguez was not able to attend the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on the web site and in the *Connection*. [Motion by Allison Moss Fitch and seconded by Rick Brady]

Treasurer's Report – Jack Jordan gave the report. There is approximately \$34K in checking and saving, with \$7K in assets (trailer). \$4,000 is going out to pay Symposium speakers and Affiliate Congress. All other bills have been paid.

Membership Report – Lisa Theis was not able to attend. Bonnie reported in her absence – 253 members (90% farm members), 5 new members in January, and 9 new members since last meeting in November. If anyone has a renewal today, Jack will take the checks and forms. The Board recommends that dues remain the same for 2008. Board recommendation was approved unanimously. A member requested that the board look at allowing Associate members to have a presence on the Web Site. The board will discuss. This is the last year that Lisa will be membership chairman. If interested in the job, she is looking for someone to learn the system and then take over next year.

Old Business:

UC Davis Symposium – The Camelid Symposium was another success. There were 250 breeders, vets, students and speakers. Weather was a little bit of a problem, causing many cancellations. Calpaca paid for 14 vets to attend. The sponsorships were all listed and thanked

New Business:

CA Classic – April 25, 26, and 27, 2008 in Pleasanton. Dianna and Joyce reported. The early bird deadline is postmarked March 4. There are 12 triple sponsors and 13 double sponsors. There has been a judge switch. Suzanne Tuccillo will now be judging the Production Classes and Babs Manion will judge the Suri and Huacaya. The volunteer list was passed around for signups. Gabriella Mann is the clinic chairman. She requested suggestions regarding what the membership would like to have at the show.

CA Sales Tax – Assemblyman La Malfa's office is working again on the sales tax issue for the next spring legislative session. Tom Petersen has been appointed a Special Assistant of Legislative Affairs to represent Calpaca's interests. The 2008 AG Day at the Capitol will be March 25 in Sacramento. Contact Bonnie if you want to participate.

Monterey Pronk – Naomi was not able to attend. She was able to get the fairgrounds in Monterey to move the Pronk to September 5, 6 and 7, 2008 for this year. She is working on a more permanent change. Many of the Calpaca members/volunteers were not going to attend without the date change due to the National Farm Day date conflict. Although

the AOBA Marketing committee recommended a change to support us celebrating on an alternate weekend, the AOBA Board voted it down.

AOBA Audit of Affiliates – AOBA has done an audit of all the affiliates in the nation and found that many of them are not in compliance with the requirement that 90% of the affiliate's members also be members of AOBA. Needless to say, Calpaca is among the affiliates that are not in compliance. AOBA will allow one year for the affiliates to come into compliance before they proceed with whatever they plan to do.

Affiliate Congress – Bonnie has appointed Bruce Nelson to stay on as our representative to the Affiliate Congress. Bruce was not in attendance. Bonnie reported that the new Chair is Greg Schneider and reviewed some highlights from the most recent meeting.

National Alpaca Farm Day – No changes from last year. NAFS will be held the last weekend in September.

Rose Parade – Bonnie and David Barboza spoke. 2009 is the Year of the Natural Fiber. The AOBA Marketing Committee will be using some of their budgeted funds to place an entry in the 2009 Rose Parade. It will take between \$300K and \$400K to plan and build a float. They are asking for donations to help support the effort. There was much discussion as to whether Calpaca should send a donation. A straw vote was taken and the vote to support a donation was favorable. [The BOD will take up the amount of the donation at their next meeting.]

UC Davis Scholarship/Endowment Fund – Rick Brady gave a short synopsis of the fund, how it started, and its benefits. This year, \$4,000.00 in scholarships will be awarded in May. The Endowment fund is now over \$20,000.00 and will kick in \$350.00 toward the scholarships. To support the fund, donate when you send your dues, donate items to the two (CA Classic and Monterey Pronk) silent auctions, and bid on items when the time comes.

AOBA Show Rules Update – Dale Davis gave an informative talk about the changes and the additions to the show rules. [Dale showed a new reference book that breeders might want to look into purchasing if not for his or her own library, then for their vet's library. Camelid Drug Formulary by James M. Jensen, DVM, and ISBN 978-1-4243-1217-7] Dale wanted to know how many members have left over fiber that has not been sent for processing or donated to the co-op. She is putting together an ad hoc committee that will be conducting a survey and making a proposal about what to do with the fiber.

Announcements:

Rick Brady invited all members to the TAP Northern California Herdsire Showcase to be held on March 29 at Ahh...Sweet Alpacas in Vacaville.

Gabriella Mann and Joyce Judy will be sorting, grading, and skirting fleeces at the CA Classic.

Ken and Julie Rosenfeld were featured on a broadcast of Channel 13 out of Sacramento.

USDA Agricultural Survey has been sent to some members.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

After the meeting and lunch Danny Mora showed the slides from his recent trip to Peru.

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