

## Minutes from May 10, 2008 CALPACA Meeting

Our May meeting was held at Barefoot Alpacas, home of Dottie and Ken Develey. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am, board members present Joan Clappier, Jack Jordan and Kay Rodriguez. Joan presided over meeting in Bonnie's absence. After thanking Dottie and Ken for having us, our meeting was called to order.

Minutes from our February meeting were approved.

Jack Jordan advised that we have \$42,000 in the bank with the trailer still our only asset. We gave donations of \$500 to Fiber on the Foot, \$1,000 to the 2010 Rose Parade Float fund. Our UC Davis Endowment fund is now up to \$23,000 and we took in \$3265 from the California Classic Silent Auction. We have \$4,000 being awarded to our new scholarship recipients on May 15.

Lisa Theis was not on hand to give the membership report but membership is down this year from last. We are still a very strong organization of over 230 members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

CALIFORNIA CLASSIC - Joyce Judy and Dianna Jordan were both on hand to give us a wrap up from this year's California Classic. The show was a huge success thank to all of Joyce and Dianna's hard work, along with all the wonderful volunteers that give so much to make the show run smoothly. Both Dianna and Joyce are looking for feed back to make next years show an even bigger success.

CALIFORNIA SALES AND USE TAX – We are looking at various options. Bonnie plans to meet with a lobbyist to assess the possible cost and benefit.

AG DAY AT THE CAPITAL – Irene Fuller and Bruce Nelson along with several other members all spent a day on the Capitol front lawn talking to various members of the legislature and educating them on alpacas. Irene had her spinning wheel and lots of beautiful alpaca products to show off and Bruce brought some of his well behaved boys for our second annual Ag Day participation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

MONTEREY PRONK – NEW DATES – SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2008. Naomi has been working very closely with the fairgrounds and was able to get us new dates for the Monterey Pronk. Certification is in process now but there will be some changes. With

the Jazz festival the following week, we will all have to clean our stalls before leaving. We all got practice at Classic so let's keep it going. Due to the rising costs of the fairgrounds, there will be a price increase on the stalls. Early bird registration will end July 19, so get your entries in early. Wine tasting will be moved to the Turf Club and the fleece show will be in a tent closer to the show area. This show will be judged 60/40. Wade Gease is confirmed for the huacayas and we are still looking for the 2<sup>nd</sup> judge. Many members at this meeting asked if we could get the composite classes back. With certification pending, we will ask to have this class added in following years. There is also a possibility that we may have to move the show to a new venue in following years to avoid conflict with NAFD.

NATIONAL ALPACA FARM DAY – At the last AC meeting, AOBA advised that NAFD will now be 2 days so we can open our ranches for the weekend or one day. More to come on this after Nationals.

MARKETING COMMITTEE - Calpaca sees a definite need for a marketing committee to help our members market and sell our wonderful alpacas. If you are interested in being on this committee and have any marketing experience, please contact Joan Clappier or any board member to talk more on this. We anticipate doing some “Calpaca” marketing and also working with SoCalpaca on regional marketing.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR – August 15 thru September 1 – Bonnie advised that she has been contacted by the California State Fair that they would like to have alpacas back at the fair. They have offered to be more flexible with us to get us back. Much was discussed on this, and while it can be hard on our alpacas at times, most agreed that if we could change alpacas every day, some of our members may want to do the fair again. Bonnie will be checking on this and get back to us.

AOBA NATIONALS – It is unfortunate that not many of us were going to go to Nationals while it is in nearby Utah. Many of us are upset that we could not send animals with other ranches that were going due to the change that every ranch showing must be registered for the conference. This was the first year that AOBA required this, and we really believe that the numbers will be way down for our National show. AOBA also required that volunteers be registered for the conference, and while this has been a requirement in the past, with today's economy, we worry that Nationals may not come back to the West Coast for 2010. We will have to wait and see how they go. Calpaca will be asking our AC representative, Bruce Nelson to bring up this topic at their next meeting.

AFFILATE CONGRESS - Bruce was not available to give us a report on AC.

AWE – RENO 2009 – Kay advised that AWE will be back in Reno, NV for 2009 and following years. Kay advised that she will be turning to Calpaca for volunteers to help with this show which will be April 11-12, 2009. If you are interested in volunteering for this show, please contact Kay Rodriguez.

UC DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NEXT WEEK – Jack advised early that we had \$4000 donated to keep vet students in California. The scholarship (or 2) will be award next week and anyone wanting to attend the awards ceremony, please contact Rick Brady.

There were several upcoming events announced at the end of the meeting by Brenda Barboza, Hailey Parker, Joan Clappier, and Kay Rodriguez. Please go to [www.Calpaca.org](http://www.Calpaca.org) for more information on these events.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Rodriguez  
Calpaca secretary