

Calpaca Meeting Minutes
8/14/2010

Tom called meeting to order at 10:20am. All board members present except for Jack.

Tom thanked Haley Jessup, Joan Speirs and the women at West Ranch for having us. We had perfect weather for the meeting. We also had several members from SoCalpaca at this meeting. It was very nice to have a meeting in an area where more people from both affiliates could come.

Minutes from May Meeting were posted on the web site. Joyce made motion to approve, Dennis second, minutes were approved.

Finance Report-Jack was not present to give treasurer report but Calpaca continues to be very strong with about \$50,000 in the bank.

Shows

Grass Valley Show Update-Kay advised that plans are moving along and we have several people already spoken for various sponsorships. We are still looking for volunteers for some of the key positions: Silent Auction, Vendor coordinator and we need gate keepers and ring stewards. If you can volunteer, please contact Karen Ball or Kay and Eva. The show dates will be October 23-24, 2010. Dale had the original show program and some history from the 1st show and will be giving that to Dianna Jordan who is in charge of the show program. Entry forms are now posted on the web site, www.goldcountrygathering.com or at www.calpaca.org.

Dixon-Dale and Joyce have both been working very hard to get this small show going. Dale asks if you will be showing at this show and you have black and brown alpacas, please come Friday night so the show can start on time. There will be a Friday night check in and Saturday morning check in from 7am to 8 am only. Remember, Sunday there will be no vendors bring a sack lunch! Show dates are October 2-3, 2010. Forms are at www.dixoncaper.com. This is a great show for those who have never shown before. Dale and Joyce are looking for volunteers to help with this show also.

California Classic 2011-Joyce advised that the dates have changed for this show because it fell on Easter. New show dates are April 30-May 1, 2011. Because of the date change, we now have two new judges, Helen Humphreys and Stephanie Glyptis.

Nationals 2011-Likely to be in Denver

2010 clip reporting-Number of alpacas shorn and total weight report to Tom @ tapetersen48@hotmail.com. Deadline for entering is September 1. If you don't like the wine, how about a box of chocolate?

Mentors/New breeder support-Diana was not present but she gave an update to Dale and there are a lot of helpful people in Calpaca. Everyone that volunteers at this meeting, please contact Dianna and get on the list.

Legislative Issues - Tom not much going on at this time.

Alpaca Fiber for Oil Mitigation-no one stepped up to help organize the effort to get fiber to the spill. Fiber did go into the boom project but the booms did not get used by BP.

Alpaca Rescue-The Calpaca board would like to give a big Thank you to Lin, Steve, Brenda and Karen for doing such a wonderful job. All but 2 of the 25 rescued alpacas have been placed. It takes a lot of time, effort, money and a huge heart to take on a rescue. The board asked on the survey what the membership expected in a case like this and most wanted more information. We are looking for someone to look into the different rescue efforts, Southwest Lama Rescue, Safe Haven and any other rescue that might be able to help in these hard times.

Survey Monkey as a survey tool-Everyone that replied to the surveys that went out wanted more information. We will try to give you more in the future.

Submitting issues/concerns/word on the street to the Board. Please, if there is something that you feel the board should be addressing, please send us an email, grab us at a meeting or just call. We are here to service the membership and need your help to do this.

Other Business:

RFP's – Dale, Dianna, Jack and a few others have put together RFP's (request for proposals) to be used in hiring all help for paid positions. This includes show programs, event managers, Connection, show super's, announcers and so on. If you would ever like to be considered for any of these jobs, the forms will be located on the Calpaca web site soon.

AWE – Kay advised that AWE did not need money to cover costs. Somehow there was more money after bills were paid and a checking account that had not been touched in years. AWE has been postponed until 2012. In this time we hope to find a new venue in the CA area to host the show. Kay is sending out RFP's and is looking for a facility with at least 70,000 square feet to hold the show.

IAO is going to be held at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, March 17-18, 2011. The new format is very exciting and new rules are posted at www.iaoshow.com.

Dale went to the 3rd annual Fiber Symposium in Virginia and said it was a very intense meeting. Main focus on fiber and finished product. AOBA gave \$1000 to have alpaca fiber rated (tensile strength, flammability and so on). We are still in a cottage industry with the blanket project using the most fiber (25,000 lbs) the Co-Op using between 15-20,000 lbs and down from there. There are 42 mini mills in the

states. Still, not everyone is using their fiber. To make this a successful industry, we need to get our fiber out there.

Connection has not been sent out yet. We would like your expectations on what you think the Connection should be. Survey sent out about how you wanted to get your Connection and it was split, email or snail mail. We will start putting the Connection in an email form so we can have an archive of past issues. We will also add another question at renewal – Connection – Email or mailed or both?

Announcements:

AFW is November 13-14 in the City of Industry. Nancy from Silo Springs Alpacas is putting out a performance challenge and holding a Kids Camp to get more kids interested in the performance part of the show. Go to www.alpacafestwest.com or contact Nancy at Silo Springs Alpacas for more on the Kids corner.

Next Meeting: December 4, 2010 at Dale/Jan Davis' new house!

Meeting adjourned at 12:15. Following lunch, Dr Jensen went over problems with the eyes and how to fix them.

Submitted respectfully by
Kay Rodriguez