

Calpaca Quarterly Meeting

December 4, 2010

Derwydd Alpacas

Our meeting started at 10:30 am. All board members present except Dennis. Tom thanks Dale, Jan and Allen for having us at their new home, finished or not.

We had 2 first time attendees at this meeting, Glen Waddell from Sawdust Alpacas in Reno, NV and Dave and Sheila Scroggins from Colusa Riverside Alpacas in Colusa CA.

Next we ask for approval of August minutes (posted on Calpaca website), Dale made motion, Bonnie second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Jordon gave an accounting of Calpaca's monies. There has been a lot of action in the various accounts with 2 shows closing and the Symposium going into full gear. Calpaca still is a very strong organization.

Kay Rodriguez gave a brief accounting of the Gold Country Gathering. First, did everyone have a good time and second, did we want to do the show again. It was a very positive yes to both questions. Eva Fisher and Kay Rodriguez will move forward on the 2011 GCG. Kay will have the closing numbers prior to the end of the year.

Camelid Symposium: Bonnie advised that registration is open and the dates are January 15 & 16. Early bird registration will close on December 15. There are a whole lot of new speakers and wonderful topics that can be reviewed on the web site. Please get your registration in early; this will be one event that you do not want to miss.

California Classic: Joyce Judy advised that the new dates for CA Classic are April 30, May 1. Our new judges are Helen Humphries (Huacaya – black thru white) and Stephanie Gilpies (all Suris and grey and multi huacaya). The new dates are for 2011 only because Easter fell on our normal weekend. Our spin off judge will be Janice Bass and registration should open around the 15th of December so get your spin off entries ready. Kay Rodriguez will be barn manager for this year's event.

Dixon: Dale Davis wants input from everyone on how you see this show playing out. There are a lot of options to make this 1 day show a big success. This is an exceptional marketing experience both for the animals as well as for fleece. The big success was the 4H performance classes. What can we do to expand on this? Should we add a newbie show clinic? Training for various show position like gate keeper, ring steward, recorders and color checkers? There are so many possibilities here and Joyce and Dale want everyone's opinion. If you have ideas, please let them know.

Paid positions to support Calpaca: Tom Petersen and the board have been working on RFP (request of proposals) for various paid positions within our organization. The Connection, different show positions,

spin off judges, this are all paid positions and if there is something that you might like to do, please look for the forms on the Calpaca web site. We are currently taking RFP's for Connection editor and some of the jobs for CA Classic.

Election Slate – we are pleased to announce the candidates for this year's Calpaca board:

Janis Bass-Moon Light Alpacas
Laurie Findlay-Alpacas of El Dorado
Howard Kuhlmann-Sierra Rose Alpacas
Dennis Rabe-101 Alpacas Ranch
Dave Scroggins-Colusa Riverside Alpacas

The election process: Tom Petersen advised that Pam and Rick Brady of Oak Valley Alpacas have once again offered to handle preparing and sending out the ballots. This year, we are asking that everyone mail their ballots back since we will be announcing the new board at the Symposium. The present board is about to lose Tom and Dale. Dennis is running for 1 more term if re-elected.

AOBA News: Tom Petersen has sat in on the first AOBA/Affiliate meeting and the group is now called the AOBA Affiliate Roundtable. 12-15 affiliates out of 45 are participating in the teleconferences. AOBA is aware of the importance of these meetings and is willing to listen. Goal right now is to focus on what is important to the membership and hot topics are education and fiber. More on this as it becomes available.

ARI EPD Update: Bonnie is now an ARI board member and wants us all to be aware that ARI is very customer oriented. Bonnie wanted to know how many people have been participating in the EPD program. The first calculations have been completed and now ARI and IAC have joined forces to create one EPD program. ARI will be merging all the IAC data soon and it will be available to all that have enrolled. This is very exciting stuff! More to come on the EPD program.

AFCNA Update: Joyce advises Jan and Dale are a collection point for anyone wanting to send fiber to the co-op. They will collect fiber until the end of December. AFCNA is now sorting and grading fiber in house now in Tennessee. They also made their first \$100,000! As always, they are looking for your fiber. Please do not let it sit in your barn or garage; get it out to a place that can do something with it.

Cal Expo Llama/Alpaca Event July 2011: The board has been approached by the local Llama group to put on a joint show/event during Fair at Cal Expo. If anyone would like to take this on and make it happen please contact a board member. Dave Scroggins showed some interest in this.

Student Design Competition – Once again Calpaca has given \$500 to support the local students in the area to get alpaca into more garments. Last year competition had 2 students sponsored by Dale Davis and Bonnie Potter make it to the top. Let's make that happen again. The best way to get alpaca more commercially known is to have the future designers start working with it. We are also looking for members who are willing to donate fiber, cloth, and yarn for this project.

Other items:

Rick Brady is looking for white yarn at a good price (Pam is taking dyeing lessons) and is also looking for someone in the Calpaca membership to apply for the AOBA Grant committee. Rick's time is up and he is looking for a replacement. Please contact Rick if you are interested.

The TAP Herd Sire Showcase is coming in February 26 to the Dixon Fairgrounds. Don't miss this opportunity to show off special stud muffin or buy that special breeding at a reduced rate. Fee is \$100 for 1 stud muffin, \$160 for 2. This is a great advertising opportunity.

Kay and Dale advise that the International Alpaca Odyssey is returning to California in March of 2011. Their new venue will be Seaside Park in Ventura, CA on March 19-20. A whole lot of new things are planned for this year so please go to www.iaoshow.com and check out the new rules and fun things planned.

Joyce advised that there are 800 llamas in Montana that are in need of help. She will keep us posted on what they need.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

A potluck lunch was provided by all and after lunch Dale and Allen showed us how to do our own fecal tests and how to read the slides. Danny Mora talked after to advise us on how to treat what we found. Calpaca donated \$250 for Dale and Allen to find a microscope and centrifuge to be given away at the end of meeting. This was open to anyone that did not already own their own. And the winner was Kristen Grimund!