

Minutes from Calpaca's May 14 meeting at Renaissance Ridge Alpacas

Welcome – Dennis welcomed everyone to meeting and thanked Julie and Ken for having us. Meeting started at 10:30 am and all board members were present.

Approve minutes from February meeting as posted on web site – Bonnie made motion to approve minutes and Joyce second. All approved.

Treasurer Report – Jack reported that we have about \$110,000 in all accounts combined. Still very strong.

Membership Report – Laurie talked with Lin before meeting and we have 2 new members, 33 renewals for a total of 157 members.

Connection Update – Maureen advised that the turnaround time from the printers on her first Connection issue is 3 weeks. Everyone said they got their copy of the Connection prior to meeting. There are lots of changes and improvement that Maureen would like to make so keep your pictures and articles coming. Maureen is looking for more subscribers to the news letter to make it more of a magazine type publication. She and Dave will look for corporate advertising once we get the numbers up. Any ideas or comments, please contact Maureen or Dave.

OLD BUSINESS:

CA Classic – Joyce advised that she is still waiting on some of the invoices to close out this year's show. We have Kristen Bergman and Jill McLeod for our judges next year and the show will be on the old weekend, April 20-21. We are already taking suggestions for next year's show so if you have any ideas; please give them to Joyce so she can research.

UC Davis Scholarships Awarded – Dave went to the award ceremony and the two recipients are Crystal Williams and Lauren Riley. Both were awarded a \$2,700 scholarship from Calpaca and promise to stay in touch once they graduate from school. Lauren is in her 4th year and Crystal in her 3rd year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winagator – Dave says that 58 farms have already purchased tickets for the raffle and some ranches have bought more than 1. The Gator is scheduled to go to the Mother Earth Fair in September and the State Fair in July. Tickets will be available to the general public at these events but the total number of tickets is still limited to just 250. Everyone at the meeting was already saying that the gators belonged to them. Don't miss out; get your raffle ticket today from any board member.

Dixon Caper – Joyce said she had her first committee meeting last night and we are on the right track for another great show. This will be a learning show, non-AOBA and no CVI required. Negative proof of BVD will be required at check in. Joyce will keep us posted on the progress.

State Fair – Maureen advised that all forms are on line at the state fair site. This is an ALSA show so if you are not a member of ALSA, there will be an extra fee with your registration. This will be held in an air conditioned barn and the Lama folks are very excited to have us joining them. There will be showmanship, obstacle, PR and many more classes. There is also another lama show at the Sonoma fairgrounds. Any questions, please contact Maureen Macedo

Mother Earth Day – Dennis advised that SoCalpaca and Calpaca are working together on the Mother Earth Fair to be held Labor Day weekend at the Marin County Fairgrounds. We have a total of 4 booths together and will have alpacas and alpaca items to show the public what earth friendly alpacas are and what they produce. AOBA had a booth last year at the East coast Fair and took \$80,000 of product and sold out the first day! This event focuses on green products and draws a crowd that is in the age range of 30-60 and has a disposable income of \$80,000 or more. This is the group that we need to focus on as our potential customers. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Dennis for more information. If you are in SoCalpaca, Patty Hazard is your contact for this event.

Gold Country Gathering – Kay and Eva advise that plans are going along with GCG. We have the dates of October 22-23 at Nevada County Fairgrounds and our judges are Wade Gease in halter and Ken Hibbits for fleece. We are currently working on getting the web site up and forms ready to go. Spin off will open next month so get your fleece samples ready. More to come.

Symposium update – Bonnie advises that plan are moving forward but they do not have any speakers set in stone yet. If you have anything that you would like to see covered at next year's Symposium, please contact Bonnie, Joan or Dale with your thoughts.

Quarterly Meetings - August meeting at Washoe Valley Alpacas in Nevada and this is the same weekend as Hot August Nights, a classic car show in Reno, so book hotel rooms early if you want to stay the weekend. We are still looking for a host ranch for the November meeting so if you would like to be considered, please contact a board member.

Elections – Jack Jordan and Kay Rodriguez's terms are up this year, Jack has served four years so he will step down. Kay said she would run again but we still need nominees and a Chair to run the election. If you are interested in running for the board or helping with the election, please see Dennis or a board member.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15. Ken and Julie provided lasagne and pizza.

The speaker was Dianna Jordan, talking about fiber and what to do with it.