

## MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13 CALPACA MEETING

Dennis called meeting to order at 10am. All board members present except for Jack. Dennis thanked Kay for hosting the meeting on such short notice.

Bonnie made motion to approve minutes as posted, Joan seconded. Minutes from last meeting approved.

Jack was not present to give treasurer report but there has not been much change in any of the accounts. Calpaca is still strong.

Lin was not present to give report but Laurie advised that there had been 1 new member and 1 renewal since our last meeting. Did not have the names of the new member.

### OLD BUSINESS:

WINAGATOR – Dave advised that we still have 96 tickets to sell and hope to give the gator away at the Symposium. Each board member has tickets to sell and we will have the gator at the Dixon show and the Gold Country Gathering.

STATE FAIR FOLLOW UP – Dennis, Dave and Laurie all manned the Calpaca booth and Winagator during the fair. 21 tickets were sold for the gator and this was a very big marketing place for Calpaca to be. Over a thousand people went by each day and were very interested in the llama/alpaca show that Cal-ILA sponsored. Alpaca people missed a great opportunity here and we will have a presence again next year. The building was great, not too hot with a fan, and the stall prices were amazing! The public is asking great questions too. So plan on being at the fair next year. Start working with those PR pacas and maybe a costume also! Alice Lessard and Jeanette Mathews from Cookie Cutter Alpacas also helped out with the booth. Thank you all!

CALIFORNIA CLASSIC – Joyce advised that plans are moving along. Both judges are confirmed, Kristin Bergman and Jill McCloud, both from Canada. They will be sharing expenses to make it easier on the show. Classes will start with group classes first thing Saturday morning so we won't have the afternoon lull that we had last year. Dates for Ca Classic are April 21-22, 2012. We are back to our normal weekend.

DIXON CAPER – registration is open for the Caper! Don't wait -- stalls and entries are limited. We will have halter, showmanship and obstacle at this show. There will be a costume parade down the main road at lunch so get your alpacas ready! We are still looking for volunteers to help with set up and tear down, along with some of the show positions. Please contact Joyce if you are interested in helping. We

will also have a fleece for sale area, so start cleaning those fleeces and pricing them accordingly. This is the place to sell your best fleece!

GOLD COUNTRY GATHERING – Kay advised that registration is open and Joan said everything is up on web site except the auction link. Ed is still getting bugs out but it will be ready soon. So please get those entries in and if you want to add an alpaca to the auction it has to be in one for the classes: halter, fleece or spin off. Spin off is closed now and entries have gone off to the spinners. But if you had an entry, it can be entered in the sale. Email blasts will be going out shortly. Dates for Gold Country are October 22-23, 2011.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS – Dennis advised that Pam and Rick Brady are once again getting the ballots ready to send. This year will be a mail in ballot only. All ballots must be returned by mail and cannot be brought to the November meeting at KT Lee Ranch. Winners of the election will be announced at this meeting. The nominees are Joyce Judy, Janis Bass and Kay Rodriguez. Their bios will be up on the web site shortly.

Over the past few years, Calpaca membership has been dropping. Is there some way we can get people to come back to Calpaca? We will be sending out a Survey Monkey to find out what you want to get from being a member of Calpaca. Please watch for the survey and be sure to participate in it. Calpaca really wants to know what they can do for you.

CALPACA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – there will also be survey going out to see who you think should be the Calpaca citizen of the year. Last year was the first year we did this and the winners were Joan Clappier for all her work as web mistress and to Lin Murray, Karen Kelly and their friend Brenda for handling an alpaca rescue so well. Start thinking of whom you think the next citizen of the year should be.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45. Kay had provided a lunch for everyone. After lunch, we would have normally had a speaker but with the move of the meeting, we could not get anyone lined up so we had a discussion on what everyone kept in their emergency bags and different emergencies that have come up. A list will follow on what you might want to keep in your emergency bag. This will be posted on the Calpaca web site soon.