

Calpac May 19, 2012 Minutes

Welcome– Dennis welcomed everyone to our quarterly meeting at R & R Alpacas, Robin and Richard Vasquez. Dennis thanked them for having us and meeting was called to order at 10:35. All Board members were present except Laurie, who was on a watch.

Approve minutes from February meeting as posted on web site– Dave Croggins made motion to approve minutes and Joyce Judy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Report– Dave advised that we have \$94,208.00 in our combined accounts that includes all show accounts, Connection, Maximizer and regular checking. We are updating QuickBooks to make accounting easier for everyone. Dave also advised that our insurance carrier, Allied Insurance can cover our show stand that will save us more money.

Membership Report– Joyce was happy to say we have 132 total members with 13 new members since January. We are looking to start a membership committee that would consist of 3-5 persons to come up with ideas to improve our membership benefits and find ways to retain existing members. Anyone interested, please contact Joyce or Dennis.

Connection Update– Laurie and Dianna were not present but some members did get their Connection the day before our meeting and reported that Dianna is doing a great job! We will be trying to get the Connection out 1 month prior to our quarterly meetings so due dates may be changing in order to accomplish this.

OLD BUSINESS:

CA Classic– follow up report– Joyce received many questionnaires back and the main problem is this year were parking fees for the public and electrical issues for the venue. We will be working on ways to fix these problems. All in all though, the show was a great success and was well thought of by those who attended.

UC Davis Scholarships Awarded– Dave advised that two \$2,000 scholarships were awarded this month and the two students that received them are Elise Chad and Emily Nietzaba. The scholarship fund and endowment funds were started in 2008 by Rick Brady. Since that time, Calpac has put in \$21,688 in the endowment fund and given at least \$2,000 or more in scholarship money. The endowment fund was sort of lost for a few years as to where to send money so to get back on track; we will be giving the endowment fund \$5,000 this year from the general fund and \$5,000 in 2013 to get caught up. The goal is to get \$100,000 in the endowment fund so the interest will pay for the scholarships.

NEW BUSINESS:

Win generator– Laurie will be handling this from now on but Dave brought the generator to meeting and has the tickets ready to go! Tickets for the new raffle will be \$25 each with a total of 150 tickets being sold. This is a John Deere 4001 with wheel kit for easier moving. We want to congratulate Dennis

Lily from Lily of the Valley Alpaca is forwarding the winning generator at our February meeting. Good luck to all that purchase generator tickets. We hope to hold the drawing at Gold Country Gathering.

Lanbton - Joyce advised that the show will be October 6-7 this year, a two day event. Calpacaw will only have a booth this year and we are looking for volunteers to man the booth at the show. Cost of rental space is \$35. We want to be toward the front of the venue and not in the back with the sheep as before. If you are interested, please contact a board member.

State Fair - Dennis has been looking at the State Fair registration book and deadline for entries June 15. Fees are very reasonable for this event and gets more public than any of our shows. Alpacas are eligible to enter any of the llama classes and you must enter all class divisions to go for the championship. Deb Galway advises that this is the best marketing with more than 8,000 people going through the barns a day! This is an air conditioned building and show dates are July 26-29 but entry deadline is June 15. There is a lot of paperwork to fill out, so don't miss out!

Gold Country Gathering - Kay is trying to get the forms done so we can open registration and spin off. Our judge is Sara Jane Madenan and the show dates are October 20-21, 2012. We are looking for volunteers for any positions so please contact Kay or Eva if you would like to help.

Symposium update - The Symposium board was not present but they are still waiting to close the books from this year and move forward to 2013. 2 alpacas were auctioned off at California Classic to support this event so we look forward to more information as it becomes available.

Quarterly Meetings

August - Alpaca of Eldorado - Laurie and Scott Findlay

November - Arapahoe Alpaca - Karen Kelly

February 2013 - looking for a meeting place - if you are interested, please contact a board member.

Elections - Elections to be held at November meeting. If you are interested in running for the Board, please contact Dennis or a Board member. Rick and Pam Brady have agreed to send out ballots. Dennis term will be up and Dave and Laurie have the option of running for another two years.

We will be having a new web designer working with Jan as Amy has sold Chamleon Design. Amy worked hard to find a buyer who would work with us on the changes we want to make and help with the trouble on our email. It has been eight years since the web site has been revamped and we are looking for a new look. There has also been some trouble with Mac's and our email system along with a spam attack. We are working on all this and will keep you all posted.

We also would like to remind everyone that Calpaca now has a Facebook page and we are also looking at starting an Open Herd page. We also have Calpaca signs for \$30 each.

Our next meeting will be held at Alpaca of Eldorado.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Ian Watt gave a presentation on ways to reduce your feeding costs and thoughts on processing your fiber.