

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting July 28, 2002

Present: Richard Jonassen – Rain Dance Pond
Scott Young – Hilltop Alpacas
Tim Wilson—Alpacas of Pleasant Valley
Jennifer Marti—Apple Ridge Alpacas
Kelly Quinn Zanella—Spa Alpacas
Polly Michaelis—Finger Lakes Alpacas

Meeting called to order at 1:45 p.m. at Hilltop Alpacas.

Empire Alpaca Association

Old Business:

Minutes of the 6/7/02 meeting were approved by motion and seconded.

New Business:

Affiliate has been approved by AOBA committee and is awaiting approval from the full Board.

Marketing/Empire State Farm Show: Details regarding our participation at the Empire Farm Days were discussed. Polly will finalize the schedule of volunteers and work out the last of the things needed for participation.

Report of the Ethics Committee: Richard Jonassen reported that work continues slowly on the Ethics Code. In order to be able to provide an ethics statement to the full membership in October, it was decided to begin drafting the code. Once an initial draft is in place that will be provided to the Committee to finalization.

Education Committee: Work continues on the Winter Education conference. Tentative date is weekend of February 15. Tentative location is the Desmond American in Albany (convenient to airport and interstates).

Newsletter: The newsletter was distributed in person to those farms participating at the CNY Alpaca Classic in Cayuga County together with two tee-shirts per farm. All other newsletters and shirt have been mailed according to Jen Marti.

Website: Tim Wilson reported that the web site is receiving traffic – thus far eight unique hits per day.

Nominating Committee: Ballots for upcoming elections will be created and distributed to the membership. A group e-mail will be sent requesting individuals to run for the Board.

The Empire Alpaca Extravaganza

Vendors: We still need vendors. Anyone who can think of a possible vendor, please contact Ulla Jonassen or Esther Friedman.

Seminars: Richard and Kelly will continue work on seminars. Target audience is new. A roundtable presentation was also considered.

Ribbons: standard colors of ribbons will be used.

Youth: a ring will be dedicated (1 of 3) to youth/performance. Scott will work out the events.

Show books: Initial mailing to go out in August. Smaller and less formal than last year's spiral bound book. Once forms have been received indicating participation, additional information will be provided.

Judges: A fleece show judge has been confirmed - Kaye Collins. Ribbons and classes were discussed.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, September 15th, 2002 at 12:00 at Rain Dance Pond (Richard Jonassen)

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting closed at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Polly B. Michaelis, Secretary