

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting September 15, 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
David Friedman – Adirondack Alpacas

Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m. at Rain Dance Pond.

Empire Alpaca Association

Old Business:

Minutes of the 7/28/02 meeting were approved by motion and seconded.

New Business:

AOBA affiliate status is final and granted.

Marketing/Empire State Farm Show: Empire Farm Days was great success. E-mail to membership was done saying same. The Association will have an informational booth at the Extravaganza. The Association is also working on a display booth at the NYS Farm Days in Syracuse. Kelly Zanella will look into a tabletop display that can be used in all venues.

Report of the Ethics Committee: Richard Jonassen presented a well-worked draft of the Ethics Statement to the Board for review and comment. Once final comments have been received by the Board and worked by the Committee, the Statement will be presented to the Membership at the Annual Meeting. Feedback from the Membership will be solicited and it will be requested that the comments be provided after the meeting.

Education Committee: Work continues on the Winter Education conference. Final tentative date is weekend of February 15. The Desmond Americana in Albany (convenient to airport and interstates) has been reserved. Speakers have been enthusiastic and contracts are being drafted. Every member will be requested to submit the name of their Vet so they can be invited to the Friday Veterinarians Conference.

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

Nominating Committee: Ballots have been mailed. Deadline for response is October 1.

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 has been put together.

Ribbons: ribbon selections were finalized.

Set up: Will begin Thursday at 1:00.

Meeting of the Membership: An agenda was discussed

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting at the Empire Alpaca Extravaganza.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting closed at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Polly B. Michaelis, Secretary