

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting July 13, 2003

Present: Richard Jonassen – Rain Dance Pond
Scott Young – Hilltop Alpacas
Tim Wilson—Alpacas of Pleasant Valley
Chris Gilman – Riverside Alpacas
Kelly Quinn Zanella—Spa Alpacas
Polly Michaelis—Finger Lakes Alpacas
David Friedman – Adirondack Alpacas

Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m. at Hilltop Alpacas

Old Business:

Minutes of the 3/16/03 meeting were approved by motion and seconded.

New Business:

Symposium – Discussions were held concerning ideas for the 2003 Symposium. Kelly will again review the comment sheets to make sure we're not missing a key topic but probable topics will be: Animal Selection/Judging; Marketing; Genetics and Medical. Potential speakers were discussed. Kelly will contact individuals and report back to the Board. The Desmond has been holding space for us and that space will be officially booked. Date is confirmed as February 14 and 15, 2003 in Albany; Saturday 9 –6; and Sunday 8 - 4. Sponsorships of certain aspects (i.e., refreshments, coffee stations, etc) may be available.

Empire Farm Days – We're on. The e-mail requesting additional volunteers, animals and other needs will be drafted, provided to Tim and broadcast this week. A number of people have already volunteered (thank you!). The Empire Farm Days are August 5, 6 and 7 with setup on the 4th.

Marketing – Lead cards continue to be sent monthly.

I Love New York Alpacas and Llamas – an e-mail is being drafted to our membership encouraging all members to participate in the Columbus Day Weekend Statewide open house. A draft press release will also be provided. We will attempt to work with NYLAA to once again have the State (including Dept of Tourism) on board in 2004.

Show: Scott has drafted a letter to the members of the Suri Network encouraging them to attend the show which we're promoting as the "Largest Suri Show in the Fall".

Fees: \$200 for the first stall; \$150 for each subsequent stall (10 stall limit); \$30 per animal for early bird registration; \$60 regular; Fleece show is \$20 per fleece; Herdsire Showcase - \$50 per animal (herdshires will be presented during the lunch break on both Saturday and Sunday (random chose of the day)).

We will have a coffee vendor to supply coffee for us. There will also be a food vendor for breakfasts and lunches for us.

Judges: Amanda VandenBosch (Suris); Mike Safely (Huacayas), Dianna Timmerman (Fleece); Ruth Ingelfield (Performance). Contracts have been sent.

Sod (non-fertilized) will be provided for all stalls.

Sponsorships: same as last year with the additional offerings of sponsoring Color Group Championships (\$100)

Educational seminars being considered: Genetics; Fiber Processing; Tax Issues; Veterinary.

There will be a photo contest this year. No fee to enter. Limit three entries per farm (one in each category). All entries will be hung. Prizes: 1st - \$30; 2nd - \$20; 3rd - \$10.

The children's play area will be moved into the corner room of the Cargiill Building. Childcare will be provided in that room.

We will not be paying ring stewards and gate keeps this year rather using volunteers (many people have volunteered already).

Show Coordinator: Scott Young
Halter Show Superintendent: Cathy Huber
Fleece Show Superintendent: Al Beatty
Barn Managers: Chris Gilman and Polly Michaelis
Publicity: Chris Gray
Vendors: Judith Korff
Photo Contest: David Friedman
Herdsire Showcase: Tim Wilson
Education/Seminars: Kelly Quinn Zanella
Saturday Dinner: Debbie McCoy
Product Booth: Pam Paddock and Kathy Jarvis

Treasurer: We currently have over \$20,000 in our Association account. A debit card will be acquired so large money amounts do not have to be fronted by Board members (i.e., building rentals).

Next meeting scheduled for September 7th at Alpacas of Pleasant Valley.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting closed at 5:13 p.m.