

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting December 3, 2004 (teleconference)

Present: Barry Finer – Gore Mountain Farm
Chris Gilman – Riverside Alpacas
Richard Jonassen – Alpacas of Rain Dance Pond
Steve McCarthy – Spruce Ridge Farm
Polly Michaelis—Finger Lakes Alpacas
Susan Wissick – Oh, My! Alpacas

Absent: Scott Young – Hilltop Alpacas

Meeting called to order at 8:02PM.

Symposium Venue:

Polly reported on her discussions with Adam's Mark Hotel (Buffalo). It appears to be an excellent possibility. Lower room rate than the Desmond and the animals are welcome. Food looks comparable in choice and price. This would also provide members in the western part of the state with their first local EAA event. We would probably add a Friday night reception. Target weekend: February 5 & 6. www.adamsmark.com/buffalo for information.

Susan spoke to RIT but they have nothing available in February and Inn on the Lake has only the last weekend in February available.

Decided not to pursue Beaver Hollow, Mohonk and Sagamore this year.

Symposium Speakers:

Kim Devos is available.

Miscellaneous:

Polly presented the possibility of hosting an International Fleece Show. Board decided that it might be a possibility for the 2006 Symposium.

The Board will meet again by conference call on Sunday December 12 at 8PM.
Possible face-to-face meeting in January.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting closed at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen McCarthy, Secretary