

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting December 22, 2004 (teleconference)

Present: Barry Finer – Gore Mountain Farm
Richard Jonassen – Alpacas of Rain Dance Pond
Steve McCarthy – Spruce Ridge Farm
Polly Michaelis—Finger Lakes Alpacas
Scott Young – Hilltop Alpacas

Absent: Chris Gilman – Riverside Alpacas
Susan Wissick – Oh, My! Alpacas

Meeting called to order at 8:02 PM.

December 12, 2004 minutes were approved and seconded.

2005 Symposium:

Scott is waiting to hear from Dr. Jennifer Gold and Dave Belt. Polly is working with Julie Wassum and Barry will follow-up again with Kim Devos to confirm her availability. We will have three 75-90 minutes sessions on each topic. Polly to write a symposium invite to the members, remembering 3 members are not on email.

Polly will talk to Barb Bubacz about taking over the Education Committee; Barb has a strong education and administration background.

Fleece Show:

The Board has received one email complaint from a member regarding canceling the fleece show portion of the 2005 Extravaganza. Board will sent out an email to the membership to explain in more detail our rational for moving the fleece show from the Extravaganza to the 2006 Symposium.

Fiber-to-Fashion Sponsorship:

Scott presented the various sponsorship levels for the 2005 Fiber-to-Fashion conference. Board is in favor of a \$2,500 sponsorship.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting closed at 9:19 PM.

The next Board will be a face-to-face in January; date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen McCarthy, Secretary