

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting April 12, 2005 (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
Scott Young - Hilltop Alpacas

Meeting called to order at 8:04 PM.

March 1 and March 6, 2005 minutes were approved and seconded.

2005 Extravaganza:

Discussed the following:

- \$16 per panel including set up and breakdown
- Exhibitors meeting will be Friday night
- Show book distributed on Saturday morning; separate ad book
- Show certification is pending
- Gift shirts for volunteers: \$33

2006 Symposium:

Discussed the following:

- Approved having Inca Tops representative as a speaker

Breed Standards:

- Committee will be made up of the following members:
 - o Cindy Vars
 - o Judith Korff
 - o Jerry Weisgrau
 - o Faith Perkins
 - o Barry Finer
- Discussed having a vet as a resource; possibly Jen Gold
- Andy Merriwether may be used as a resource

Election:

- Two seats (Young & Gilman) are up; Young is not running for reelection
- Dave Serino is identifying candidates

Secretary's March report:

- Mailed 181 info postcards
- Processed 21 membership renewals & 7 new member applications
- Sent follow-up correspondence for 36 members who have not renewed

- Current number of members: 166

Secretary's April report (month-to-date):

- Mailed 233 info postcards
- Emailed 42 renewal notices
- Processed 32 membership renewals & 7 new member applications
- Sent follow-up correspondence for 36 members who have not renewed
- Deactivated 0 members who did not renew
- Current number of members: 168

Miscellaneous:

- Gilman to contact CPA re: tax return filing due 5/15/05
- 2005 neonatal clinic will not be held due to difficulties Cornell would have getting it set up
- Email will be sent out reminding people to send in their "gross sales" numbers to CPA
- Ordered new lead cards
- All ads have been placed including New England Farming, all 3 regions, booked for 12 months
- Discussed ads in Grassroots and Dairymen's Journal

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting closed at 9:20 PM.

The next Board meeting will be determined by email notification.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen McCarthy, Secretary