

# Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting June 19, 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 9:03 PM.

## 2005 Extravaganza:

- Online registration prototype will be made available to board members for testing
- Volunteer gift will be alpaca shirts

## 2006 Symposium:

- Jonassen to obtain Chavez's (Inca Tops) bio by July 15
- Two half day sessions of workshops to be held on Friday, topics may include: wet felting, beginning spinning, advanced knitting
- Judge will be Wini Labrecque
- Possibility of having vendors, including Millpoint Emporium, was discussed

## Breed Standards:

- Since AOBA cancelled its "Type Conference", a regional conference may be held in the Northeast, probably Springfield MA
- Young to follow-up with Kevin O'Leary
- Empire committee on breed standards will be disbanded

## Ag Extension Conference: July 17-21

- Steve Hull is confirmed as speaker on the 18<sup>th</sup>
- Jerry Forstner not yet confirmed as July 19 speaker
- Booth will be set up on the 17 & 18

## Election:

- One candidate identified thus far (Sandy Lawrence)

## Secretary's May report:

- Emailed 10 renewal notices
- Processed 15 membership renewals & 2 new member applications
- Sent follow-up correspondence or phoned 12 members who have not renewed
- Deactivated 0 members who did not renew

## Miscellaneous:

- Lead cards are still on order
- Fleece show to be held at the Rhinebeck Sheep & Wool Festival in October. Chris Gilman will represent the board
- Young to send Finer the service directory info to finalize
- An upstate (Watertown) show may be held

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting closed at 9:47 PM.

The next Board meeting will be determined by email notification.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen McCarthy, Secretary