

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board of Directors on 27 March 2006

Present:

John Askew	Sunset Ridge Alpacas
Barry Finer	Gore Mountain Alpacas
Chris Gilman	Riverside Alpacas
Richard Jonassen	Alpacas of Rain Dance Pond
Steve McCarthy	Spruce Ridge Farm
Polly Michaelis	Finger Lakes Alpacas

Absent:

Susan Wissick Oh, My! Alpacas

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM

- Minutes for the 18 February 2006 meeting lost format when forwarded to members. John agreed to resend in pdf format. Minutes could not be approved in existing format.
- Polly indicated she had not received a membership renewal notice. John agreed to send a message to Don about a problem with the system.
- Planning for FY07 Symposium
 - Polly received the contract from Turning Stone
 - Date set to 16-18 February 2007
 - The Event Center is not available therefore no animals will be allowed on site
 - Richard was given the go ahead to solidify a contract with Dr. Tibary
 - Barry contacted Jill MacLeod, waiting for response
- '07 Extravaganza Planning

- Show will expand to four rings and use the adjacent building for additional stalls. Stalls in this building will be at reduced price. Building will not be heated. Price will be set when all expenses are addressed.

- Building will be power washed and disinfected
- Need more banners to cover poultry signs

- Sponsors will get into main building
- Fee for children will remain the same
- Sponsorship levels will go up to \$1000, \$600, \$350 & \$175
- Discussion about food quality and speed of service at the BBQ. Contracting to another caterer is not an option due to Fairground policy. Polly will ask for an additional line to speed service.

- Nominating Committee

- Sue Watts has two names so far
 - Ann Merriwether (sp?)
 - Barry Finer
- Sue will draft email to solicit additional candidates

- The Ethics Committee

- A link to the Code of Ethics has been placed on the EAA website
- A revised Code of Ethics will be ready for review in one to two months
- Ethics Committee will provide mediation service between members
- Ethics Committee wants to make ethics violations public. This idea was not warmly received by the Board.
- Chairperson of the Ethics Committee is appointed by the BOD, not elected by membership

- Miscellaneous

- Old printer has been taken
- Insurance policy review is in progress
- New members will need to click on the Ethics Statement as a condition of membership
- Each Board member will review By Laws and forward proposed changes to Steve
- John suggested a manure management study to be conducted at Cornell Univ. Board agreed.

- Barry suggested updating the web site with '07 Symposium information. Location and dates will be posted but no speakers until contracts are signed.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

The next teleconference meeting was not scheduled