

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board of Directors Meeting 9/17/06

Present:

Polly Michaelis  
Steve McCarthy  
Barry Finer  
Chris Gilman  
Susan Wissick  
Richard Jonnasen

Absent:

John Askew

- I. Motion to approve minutes from 15 August 2006
  - a. Motion made by Steve, seconded by Richard to approve minutes with corrections.
    - i. Yes 6
    - ii. No 0
- II. Extravaganza
  - a. Lighting for the Extravaganza is a really important feature to ensure that the judging is as accurate as possible. Lighting is being arranged for the three halter rings. Performance will operate under the lighting already in the building.
    - i. Motion made by Polly and seconded by Barry to cap the price of the lighting for the show at \$4500. This will include all the rigging, equipment and set up costs.
      1. Yes 6
      2. No 0
  - b. The second building will be wired for sound to the main building. The seminar room will have a video monitor in it but not the sound so that participants can keep track of classes but presenters will not be competing.
  - c. The benefit money from the trailer raffle will go to Quechua. The remaining raffle money will go to Cornell and ARF.
  - d. The product booth will run as last year. EAA will look into purchasing more EAA baseball caps as we have sold out of those. Items that we have in storage we will look at reducing prices on to move the inventory and promote the association.
  - e. Volunteer appreciation items will be examined to ensure that the pricing of the items are reasonable and the gift is useful.
  - f. Set up will begin on Wednesday with chalking the rings, lighting and electric set up. Thursday will be the laying of the sod, panel construction, labeling pens and arranging the ribbons and tables. Friday is check in starting at 1:00.

- III. Symposium
  - a. We have confirmation on Dr. Tibary speaking on reproduction and Jill MacLeod for fiber.
  - b. Workshops will be set into two four hour sessions: 8:30-12:30 and 1:30-5:00
    - i. The following presenters are potentials:
      1. Anne Merriweather
      2. Beverly Meade
      3. Eileen Easterly
      4. Winnie LeBresque
      5. David Stensland
      6. Sylvia Graham
    - ii. Topics cover the following:
      1. needle felting
      2. beginning spinning
      3. weaving
      4. beginning knitting
      5. dyeing
      6. fiber arts
      7. triangle loom – looking for a potential presenter
- IV. New York Farm Show
  - a. Thank you to Polly Drexler for assisting with the last Farm Show. We are running low on promotional items to hand out. Polly will look into pens with the EAA logo and website.
- V. Video
  - a. The video that was shot last year we are looking to have ready to go at the Extravaganza this year. We are pursuing possible corporate sponsorships to assist in defraying the cost of the production. These corporate sponsors are not farms but rather companies with whom the industry deals.
- VI. Annual Meeting
  - a. The annual meeting is scheduled for the Extravaganza.
- VII. Neonatal Clinic
  - a. Discussion took place again about providing neo-natal clinics across the state for breeders. Possible sites would include colleges and high schools that have the availability of a wet lab. One of the current drawbacks is having the crias to manipulate.
- VIII. Affiliate Congress
  - a. Steve and Polly attended the Affiliate Congress to represent EAA. Steve shared some of the results of the survey that was sent out.