

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Teleconference 3 November 2006

Present:

John Askew	Sunset Ridge Alpacas
Chris Gilman	Riverside Alpacas
Richard Jonassen	Alpacas of Rain Dance Pond
Steve McCarthy	Spruce Ridge Farm
Ann Merriwether	Nyala Farm Alpacas
Susan Wissick	Oh, My! Alpacas
Sue Zelazny	Andes Dandies, LLC

Meeting called to order at 8:10 PM

- Elections
 - Chris nominated Steve McCarthy for President. Richard seconded the motion. Steve was elected by unanimous voice vote.
 - Steve nominated Richard Jonassen for Vice President. Chris seconded the motion. Richard was elected by unanimous voice vote.
 - Susan Wissick nominated Chris Gilman for Treasurer. Steve seconded the motion. Chris was elected by unanimous voice vote.
 - Susan Wissick nominated John Askew for Secretary. Steve seconded the motion. John was elected by unanimous voice vote.
- Newsletter
 - Newsletter was planned to be published 3-4 times each year but this has not happened.
 - Sue Zelazny volunteered to coordinate Newsletter publication.
 - Next Newsletter planned for 1 December 2006 with articles on the February Symposium, BVD, and the Affiliate Congress. Steve will also send a message to the membership requesting input and articles.
 - Following Newsletter will go out in March, June and September.

- 2006 Extravaganza
 - Trailer raffle raised \$6,100.00 for donation to Quechua
 - Silent auction raised \$10,475.00
 - Raffle raised \$2,089.00
 - Uses for Silent Auction and Raffle dollars were discussed. It was generally agreed that we should continue to support the Veterinary Science program at Cornell through either scholarships or equipment purchase. Some other ideas included:
 - Create grants for vets to attend camelid related training
 - Sponsor a vet to conduct camelid training for other vets
 - Sponsor neonatal classes at different locations around NY State.
 - Decision was made to send the check to Quechua and table the other options pending information from Cornell on their current equipment needs. Ann volunteered to get this information from Cornell.

- Miscellaneous
 - MAPACA requested we place an ad for the Jubilee on our web site. The board agreed unanimously that this should be done.
 - Barry Finer was monitoring the web site for typos and errors. Ann volunteered to take over this activity.
 - Scott Young can no longer donate his time to coordinate the Empire Extravaganza. He is preparing a proposal to provide this service.
 - Steve sent copies of the Show DVD to each sponsor.
 - John asked if anyone else had received an email suggesting links on the Empire web site for groups of member farms that have formed marketing groups. No one else had. John will forward the original email.
 - There will be an NYS animal ID conference held on 17 November in Syracuse. Polly Michaelis will attend.
 - Bylaws have several typos that need to be corrected. There are also some amendments that need to be considered over the coming year.

- Next meeting is scheduled for 10 December at Chris Gilman's home at 11:00.

- Board went into Executive Session

- Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM