

## **Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting 10 January 2007**

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 8:05 PM

### Minutes

- Minutes from 10 December 2006 Meeting were approved.

### Symposium

- 61 people and 32 vets signed up to date. Expect a surge as deadline approaches.
- 2005 Symposium had 104 attendees
- Fleece skirting workshop is full and there is a wait list. Chris will see if another sessions can be added.
- There are currently 4 vendors. There are no clothing vendors.
- Richard was not able to get the people he knew to make a video of the event. They were already booked. Ann had an estimate of \$5K to make a video of each lecture including Power Point slides. Board did not think the cost could be recovered. Consensus was not to pursue this effort.

### 2007 Extravaganza

- Discussed proposal from Scott Young to act as Show Coordinator for the 2007 Extravaganza. Board will begin drafting a formal contract.

- John asked if this would include moving the Fleece Show to the Extravaganza. Since the last Extravaganza Fleece Show lost money this decision will be put off until we get results from the 2007 Symposium.

### Current Financials

- Some Extravaganza bill still pending. Steve motioned to move \$60K into a money market account until we decide how to spend it. John seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### Membership

- John made arrangements with Don to start the transition in January. All members will have a June 1<sup>st</sup> renewal date by end of 2007.

### D&O Insurance

- Steve received quotes for D&O insurance. \$1M liability for the Board and \$1M coverage for Internet transactions will cost a little under \$2K. Steve motioned that we purchase both policies. Sue Zelazny seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### Newsletter

- There are no articles pending for the newsletter.
- March issue will focus on fleece.
- Chris agreed to write an article on fleece preparation for processing.

### Miscellaneous

- Steve is going to the Affiliate Congress meeting in Nashville to meet with the AOBA board.
- Tufts University has requested financial assistance in sending vet students to Dr. Purdy's and other camelid seminars. Board agreed to contribute up to \$1000 for vet students to attend. Students will need to request help via email or written request. Fees will be paid directly to the Seminar. Steve will coordinate.
- Ann requested comments on the marketing brochure.

### Grants

- Proposals to work on a Menengial Worm vaccine was received from Cornell ranging from \$5K to \$25K. No one felt comfortable approving this donation without more information and possibly an evaluation from an expert in this field. The principle investigator will be invited to provide more detail at the next Board meeting.

- The cost of a new ultrasound for Cornell is \$13K. Ann motioned that we purchase this equipment for Cornell. Richard seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Next meeting set for 5 February 2007 8:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM