

## Minutes Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting 4 March 2007

Present:

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

Absent:

Richard Jonassen      Alpacas of Rain Dance Pond

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

Chris motioned that the 5 February 2007 Meeting Minutes be approved. Sue seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Symposium**

- Steve finished sending Certificates to Vets that attended.
- Symposium evaluation sheets were all very complimentary

### **Donations**

- Judith Appleton agreed to have other experts in the field review her proposal for work on a Menengial Worm vaccine.
- The Board decided not to fund Dr. Appleton's proposal in its present form at this time.
- Dr. Appleton will be asked for a proposal that might yield a more immediate benefit to the alpaca community.

### **2007 Extravaganza**

- Board reviewed the last draft of the Show Coordinator Contract
- Sue motioned the contract be accepted, Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Steve appointed Ann as Show Committee Chair
- Scott Young called in for the Show Coordinator update.
- A second supplier for panels has presented a proposal. Scott will get quotes from each supplier for the same level of effort and bring to the next Board meeting.
- Scott will get pricing for sod in the second building
- Stall, entry, herdsire showcase and sponsorship prices will stay the same as last year. AOBA show division fee will go up to \$60.
- Scott will investigate options to improve the Saturday night dinner.
- Registration will use the AOBA show system this year.
- Member discount will be \$25 for the Extravaganza and \$25 for the Symposium
- Topics for educational seminars include:

- Photography
- Veterinarian
- Accounting
- Genetics
- Alpaca 101
- Planned judges are Amanda Vandenboch, Sara Jane Maclellan, Herold Herbold, Diane Timmerman.
- Fleece and Conformation will be judged 50/50

### **Marketing**

- Brochure is still being reviewed.
- Commercial printing will be investigated since the EAA printer is broken. Scott Young will get an estimate on having it repaired.
- Over 100 of current design were distributed at the Farm Days.
- Chris indicated the Farm Days went well and that a laptop with the Showtime DVD playing would be a nice addition for future events.
- Steve indicated he wanted a non-Board member to chair the Marketing Committee.

### **Newsletter**

- Sue reviewed what articles she has in hand and reminded everyone that she needs all articles within a week to meet the printers deadline.

### **Survey**

- Ann indicated the survey was ready to go. Steps will be taken to prevent anyone from taking the survey twice.

### **Minutes**

- Steve indicated that, according to the Bylaws, conduct of Board meetings and recording of the Minutes are to be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. This is how the AOBA Board meetings are conducted and recorded.
- Steve purchased Robert's Rules booklets for each Board member to review. Board needs to decide if we want to amend the Bylaws to eliminate the Robert's Rules requirement or conform to Robert's Rules. Minutes will remain in present format until a decision is made.

### **Nominating Committee**

- Nominating Committee consists of Sue Watts, Cindy Vars, Wayne Jarvis, Dave Serino and Karin Young. They have asked the Board to identify desirable attributes for Board candidates.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:55PM

Next meeting is scheduled for 2 April 7:00 PM