

# Minutes Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting 25 February 2008

Present:

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| Jeanine Anderson | Gaze Acres Alpacas   |
| John Askew       | Sunset Ridge Alpacas |
| Cindy Cuykendall | Song Meadows Alpacas |
| Chris Gilman     | Riverside Alpacas    |
| Steve McCarthy   | Spruce Ridge Farm    |
| Ann Merriwether  | Nyala Farm Alpacas   |
| Sue Zelazny      | Andes Dandies, LLC   |

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Steve motioned that Minutes from 7 January meeting be approved. Sue seconded, motion was approved by voice vote.

## **Newsletter**

- Need articles in early March
- Subject ideas include Farm Show, blood work at Cornell and membership renewals

## **2008 Extravaganza**

- Steve motioned to approve Scott Young as Show Coordinator with same terms as last year. Chris seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

## **2008 Symposium**

- 46 Veterinarian registered for Friday
- Wet Lab with Dr. Johnson filled up with 96 people
- 153 total attendees
- 132 fleece entries
- 10 sponsors
- 2 adds were placed in Saratoga news papers inviting the public to the fleece show and vendors
- \$31K in revenue generated to offset cost of event

## **Financial**

- Audit of 2006 record is complete with no major findings. Board needs to address comments in Management Letter.
- Steve proposed that we wait to initiate an audit of the 2007 records and consider a By-Law amendment to eliminate this requirement.
- Audit suggested EAA use and accounting software package. Sue will buy

- Quickbooks Pro and start to use.
- Bank balance is over the \$100K insurance protection limit. Steve motioned that the Treasurer be allowed to transfer funds between accounts to stay under the \$100K limit. Sue seconded, motion approved by voice vote.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Alpaca Breeders of Western NY requested that EAA purchase a sponsorship for their show. Board decided to supply a booth rather than purchase a sponsorship.
- The CAT Scan done by Cornell for the artificial cria effort did not have the resolution required to make a realistic cria. A request will be placed in the newsletter asking if any members have access to a more powerful CAT Scan machine.
- EAA will have an unmanned booth at MAPACA.
- Chris indicated the raffle at 2007 Empire Extravaganza did not draw much interest and that we should consider doing something different next year.
- Steve indicated we should consider establishing a Fiber Committee.
- Steve motioned to renew Don's contract as Webmaster. Chris seconded, motion approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for 30 March 2008, 11:00 AM at Song Meadows Alpacas.