

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Meeting December 1, 2008

Present:

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| Jeannine Anderson | Gaze Acres Alpacas |
| Cindy Cuykendall | Song Meadows Alpacas |
| Steve McCarthy | Spruce Ridge Farm |
| Dick McCoy | Foxrun Farms Alpacas |
| Ann Merriwether | Nyala Farm Alpacas |
| Barb Rossi | Bel Canto Farm |
| Sue Zelazny | Andes Dandies, LLC |

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Symposium

- Cindy reported that there are 12 workshops lined up for Friday, 6 in the morning session and 6 for the afternoon.
- An optional dinner for Saturday night was discussed and concerns over cost, weather and distance were considered. It was unanimously decided that there would not be a dinner planned for that night, but that a list of area restaurants would be provided for all symposium participants.
- Pricing will be \$175 for members and \$225 for non-members.
- Steve reported that there has been good sign-up for spin-off and the fleece show so far. Vet seminar registration is also open.

Affiliate Congress

- AOBA board has eliminated the Affiliate Congress. The group of 20 affiliates would like to continue to meet on things that affect us all. After a long discussion of the pros and cons of participating it was unanimously agreed that Steve should keep in contact, but will not participate in any activity that would go against AOBA. We need a strong national organization. Steve will withdraw if he feels it is inappropriate.

Miscellaneous

- Newsletter articles need to be sent to Sue.
- Ag & Markets is thinking of removing the TB test requirement and adding a BVD PCR once in a lifetime requirement for camelids entered in shows. After discussion, Cindy made the motion that we support this. Ann seconded and it passed unanimously.

- Barb reported that the marketing committee is working on a strategic plan.
- Steve made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Cindy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 5th at 7:00 PM