

## Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Meeting July 19, 2010

Sue Caston	Patchwork Meadow
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 was called to order at 7: 10

- Approve Minutes from 5/24/10 (several board members did not see them last time) and 6/28/10
- Cindy motioned to approve the minutes from 5/24/10 Steve seconded all approved.
- Cindy motioned to approve the minutes from 6/28/10 Sue seconded all approved

### Old Business

- 2011 Symposium - Updates (Steve) The Renaissance hotel is being sold but we should be okay we are waiting on new contracts.
  - Membership Renewals (Cindy) It's moving slowly but still coming in. It's about where we were last year at this time.
  - 2010 Extravaganza (Cindy)
    - We discussed different sponsorship options/levels including specifics for a possible coffee sponsorship. We discussed different benefits options for sponsors.
    - We discussed switching to cardboard because it would be half the price of the sod. We took a straw pole on switching to cardboard and we all agreed in this economy to make the switch. We then discussed dropping stall prices a little since we would save money and perhaps encourage more folks to attend.
    - Ellen Chamberlin and Kathy Young who have run the product booth for years are not doing the product booth. Jen Tompkins is going to run the product booth this year.
    - Nominating Committee (Cindy) We have a shortage right now not enough folks want to run. Several folks may be interested so board members will follow-up
  - NAFD AOBA is offering the use of a TV ad if folks want to buy TV time
  - Rescue issues Board members observed that there have been several cases of NY alpacas in horrible conditions with years of fleece on them. We discussed exploring with the local rescues what the current issues are in getting rescues shorn and also finding out how to let local authorities know that alpacas need to be shorn yearly.
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- Our next meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup>
  - We adjourned at 8:29