

## Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Meeting June 20, 2011

Sue Caston	Patchwork Meadow
Cindy Cuykendall	Song Meadows Alpacas
Dick McCoy	Foxrun Farms Alpacas
Ann Merriwether	Nyala Farm Alpacas
Leslie Oliver	Limestone Creek Alpacas
Barb Rossi	Bel Canto Farm
Sue Zelazny	Andes Dandies, LLC

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

### Agenda

- Approve Minutes from 5/17/11 Cindy motioned to approve the minutes and Sue Z. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report (Sue Z.) Sue reported on the financials. Membership is down from last year we currently have 102 renewals. Cindy is going to send out e-mail reminders, and then we may try phone call reminders.
- Symposium 2012 (Leslie) we are working on the venue. Cindy and Leslie are going to go look at space at Turning Stone and go over a proposal for costs. We discussed potential speakers and folks are calling different ones to see if they are available.
- FOCUS update (Barb) half-page ads are sold out and at this point the committee is making calls to folks outside the membership. It's coming along a little more slowly but excellent progress is being made in ad sales.
- Fiber Committee (Ann/Cindy) Cindy is hoping to host a sorting and grading party the end of July. Although we asked for light fleeces we did get some darks. We discussed some options for the darks possibly a felted product.
- Sponsorship Survey Results We discussed the suggestions and plan to implement some them.
- Extravaganza: We discussed some issues with the Extravaganza especially panel costs. We are forming a panel on the panels headed up by Sue Z.
- CNY Fiber Fair: It was terrific and Empire had a double booth with excellent volunteer help. Folks were very interested in alpacas. Cindy did demonstrations of critter to creation with her picker and tri-loom. We distributed information and obtained contacts. We hope to do this again next year.
- Sponsorship for ABWNY Show: We have been asked about doing a sponsorship for this show. After discussion Cindy motioned that we sponsor the show at the bronze level (\$100) Sue C seconded (Sue Z abstained) and the motion passed unanimously with the voting board members.
- We discussed credit card costs and surrounding issues. We will re-visit this at a future date
- We set the date for the next meeting for July 18<sup>th</sup>

We adjourned at 8:31