

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Meeting December 12, 2011

Sue Caston	Patchwork Meadow
Cindy Cuykendall	Song Meadows Alpacas
Holly Jacobs	Alpacas of the Glen
Sarah Lamanna	Claddagh Farms Alpacas
Ann Merriwether	Nyala Farm Alpacas
Leslie Oliver	Limestone Creek Alpacas
Sue Zelazny	Andes Dandies, LLC

Meeting was called to order at 7:03

Agenda

- Approve Minutes from 11/14/11 Sue C motioned to approve the minutes from 11/14/11 and Leslie seconded the motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report (Sue Z./Holly) We discussed some outstanding payments from the Extravaganza. There are still a couple folks who have not paid what they owe from the silent auction.
- We discussed placing the names of folks who donated boys and bid on them on the website and in the newsletter. (Ann will send this to Cindy).
- Trifecta
  - Budget
    - Corporate Sponsors: We have started to contact potential corporate sponsors and will continue to contact more potential sponsors.
    - Payout structure: We discussed a model for payouts this will depend on the amount of money we can get from sponsorships.
    - Early Sponsorships: The subcommittee is going to work on contacting potential sponsors to purchase a sponsorship early.
    - Advertising for the Trifecta in Focus: Breedworks wants \$450 to do the cover for us. We are considering some options for designing an ad for the back cover of Focus.

We started to discuss how to do the herdsire auction for the Extravaganza. Sue C, Sue Z and Ann will work on this and we will ask Barb Rossi for help too since she did such a great job in the two previous years.

Possible Trifecta schedule we discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having different events at different times.

Friday - Check-in (possibly starting in the morning)  
Fleece Show Judging  
EAA annual meeting  
possible breeder educational classes in the evening

Saturday-

- Halter Show
- Public tours
- Fashion Show
- Alpaca 101 seminar
- Vet Seminar
- breeder educational classes in the evening

Sunday-

- Performance Classes
- Fun Classes (Egg & spoon, etc.)
- Opportunities for the public to lead an animal in the performance ring
- Alpaca Evaluations by judges
- Tours for public
- Alpaca 101 seminar
- Symposium-type seminars (but will folks be able to attend this)
- Big Awards ceremony

Handlers for the show? Who would the handlers be? We would need like 50 handlers not sure we can pull it off so we decided to discuss other options. We discussed having some additional awards for Sunday especially geared toward smaller or new breeders.

Symposium Seminars we talked about possible topics (maybe parasites)

- Judging clinics Sunday hands on evaluation

- Vet seminar

Hands-on Fiber seminars: We discussed having some fleece preparation events before the trifecta possibly at a couple smaller NY summer shows.

Committee activity since meeting? Most folks have not gotten going yet but folks are doing lots of legwork for the committees.

Next meeting will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy New Year Everyone!

Sue Z. motioned to adjourn at 9:06 Cindy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.