

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board of Directors Meeting 01/16/2013

Kathy Bryan	Tinbrook Alpacas
Sue Caston	Patchwork Meadow
Cindy Cuykendall	Song Meadows Alpacas
Holly Jacobs	Alpacas in the Glen
Sarah Lamanna	Claddagh Farm
Jen Power	Cedarvale Farms Alpacas
Absent: Leslie Oliver	Limestone Creek Alpacas

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Agenda

- The minutes from the 12/11/2012 were reviewed and approved.
- Holly presented the Treasurer's Report, including the current balance and the bills paid this month.
 - Committee Reports –
 - Jen is making phone calls requesting volunteers to serve on the Marketing Committee.
 - Sportsman's Show in Syracuse – Empire Alpaca Association will have a booth set up for marketing and educational purposes. Volunteers will be on hand each day, with Jen, Sarah and Cindy providing alpacas on display for visitors. EAA membership lists will be handed out. Thanks to Robin Shatzkin for arranging this free and unique marketing opportunity for the association.
 - Fiber Committee/The Yarn Project
Wendy and Chris are working on the proposal for mills for the fiber processing.
Cindy and Jen will be working on weighing the collected fleece (by color) next week.
The first check to EAA for expenses will be coming in from the grant.
Yarn, innersoles and rug yarn will be processed from the various grades of donated fiber.
 - Jen has been in contact with Dan Coulter from Alpaca Street regarding the possible use of their services for future auctions, as was done for the Herdsire Sweepstakes. There are options to be considered depending on the goals/needs of the association.
 - Use of funds in the Marketing budget will be revisited at our next monthly meeting.
 - The EAA Newsletter has been temporarily put on hold at this time due to lack of resources to put it together. Anyone interested in working on the Newsletter is strongly urged to contact Cindy or any Board member.
 - Board members discussed the feasibility/desirability of participating in regional alpaca shows and/or educational events, in conjunction with other alpaca associations. EAA has been approached on this issue, and a response will be forthcoming.
 - There is a Symposium Reserve built into the budget, and ideas are being considered for future seminars and educational offerings that EAA would like to provide for its members. The possibility of one day or two day weekend workshops is being explored, possibly in the summer, at an alternative site to the expensive hotel venues used in the past. Seminar topics for both new and experienced breeders are being investigated.
 - The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2013.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.
- Sue Caston, Secretary