

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board of Directors Meeting 02/12/2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

Agenda

The minutes from the 1/16/13 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Holly presented the Treasurer's Report, including the current balance of \$110, 251.32.

- Committee Reports –
- Marketing Committee –
Sportsman's Show in Syracuse – Empire Alpaca Association had a booth set up for marketing and educational purposes. Volunteers were on hand each day, with Jen, Sarah and Cindy providing alpacas on display for visitors. EAA membership lists were handed out, as well as copies of FOCUS magazine. This was felt to be a good venue for EAA participation.
- Fiber Committee/The Yarn Project
RFP's will be going out to NY mills for the fiber processing.
Cindy and Jen weighed the collected fleece (by color and grade), and the information was sent on to Wini Lebreque.
- Education Committee-
Kathy, Leslie and possibly Ann will be discussing seminars and symposium suggestions. August may be the most likely month to hold a Summer Symposium. Available dates and venues are being explored, as well as possible speakers.
The EAA Newsletter - Jen has made some contacts for articles. A calendar of member events is being considered for inclusion.
Other business:
 - Cindy sent a written response regarding the proposal for regional alpaca shows. We do not want to change from the Empire Extravaganza at this time.
 - Sue sent out Herdsire Breeding Certificates to the winning bidders in the Herdsire Sweepstakes at the Trifecta.
 - Several vet students contacted EAA regarding scholarship funds for camelid training. This is not in our budget for the current year, but the students were told that we would notify them of upcoming EAA seminars that they could attend.
 - Trifecta 2013
Scott Young joined the meeting at 7:45 to discuss matters pertaining to our upcoming Empire Trifecta Alpaca Show. Scott will continue as show coordinator. He will be working on show details, and announcements will be coming out over the next few months.
A "save the date" eBlast will be sent out soon to the membership regarding the Trifecta.
- The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2013.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.
- Sue Caston, Secretary