

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday May 5, 2022, continued May 6, 2022**  
**7:30 pm**

**Board in Attendance:**

President: Jeff Jorritsma  
Vice President: Justin McElroy  
Treasurer: Jay Russell  
Secretary: Nikki Addicott  
Sarah Lamanna  
Karen Clark  
Chuck Jewell

Absent: Justin McElroy, Chuck Jewell (5/6 only)

Welcome & Call to Order – 7:30p.m.

Accept April 6, 2022 minutes – Motions to accept, all approved

**Treasurers Report:**

All accepted treasurer's report.

Welcome & Call to Order

Discuss & Accept April 6, 2022 minutes

**Treasurers Report:**

Review outstanding debt

Review upcoming debt

Treasurer's report approved by BOD

**Old Business:**

Postcard printing – BOD approved quote (\$50/hour) for postcard design. Discuss update to rack-cards next

Member spotlight – Aasgard Acres & Twilight Alpacas, Chuck to contact

Webmaster – any updates on search for volunteer? No updates

Memberships – annual membership ends May 31

Elections – Jeff to confirm dates for deadline for new nominee's. Bill reported no interest from others thus far.

Scholarships – Chuck. Reviewed outlines presented by Chuck & Todd Eich (Appendix A). Additional research requested by BOD including: \$ amount BOD can commit, then decisions on promoting to organizations like FFA, CCE/4-H.

Chuck -- FFA contacts

Jay -- CCE/4-H, Jay has contact info for organizations to promote to. Questions to be answered/outlined prior to next review:

any legal and/or documented review procedures that need to be followed?

What is the submission process outline?

What are dates, timeline for org's to submit, BOD review and then payout, and follow-up?

## **2022 Summer Fleece Show & Member Picnic**

**August 13 & 14 (setup 8/12)**

Mecklenburg Firehouse

Judge – Cheryl

Super – Leslie Oliver

Vendor – Fashion Forum confirmed

Saturday 9 – 4 public / vendors

### Jeff to do's:

Registration opening date on alpacareg.net – Jeff to be provided ~June

Add return shipping fees at registration – Scott young providing information – Jeff follow-up

AOA certification – complete per L.Oliver, but still showing as pending on website

Coordinate with Angie and/or L.Oliver – on transport of registrants from PAOBA - ???

### Jay to do's

Cost estimates and coordinating of picnic, quote for brisket & BBQ in July- Jay

Updates on coordinating additional details w/Leslie – Jay

Hotels for judge(s), Leslie # nights? – Jay

Marketing to public – Jay

Create flyer Sarah– Jeff can do eBlast

Newsletter updates promoting & sign-up - Sarah

Fiber project store coordinator – Nikki

### Outstanding:

Show agenda

Confirm speaker on innovative fleece?

Ribbon inventory and order – Jeff lead time to place order and \$\$

Volunteers setup on 8/12 - ???

Volunteers fleece room on 8/12 & 8/13 - ?????

Facebook live streaming volunteer - ?????

Other demo's -- ???

## **2022 Showtacular Alpaca Show**

**EAA Halter Judge – Amanda confirmed**

**NEAOBA Halter Judge – Jude confirmed**

**Walking Fleece – Scott Young; Franca Judge**

**IFA Fleece show – Amanda? Leslie Super**

**Super – Scott Young**

NEAOBA reviewing agreement for continued joint show – status?

Showtacular planning committee from EAA – Jay, Jeff, Justin

Planning meetings to started not much movement.

Hotels locked-in

Photographer locked-in

2-day show

No fleece show unless it's an IFA

Would like more commitment on assignment of duties between two organizations. EAA will discuss at next Showtacular meeting.

**Marketing:** Sarah  
Facebook marketing calendar for March & April

**Fiber Project:**

Update: Theresa & Nikki

Website updates:

Theresa will step down from inventory management. Will work to move inventory in next couple of months to Cabin View Alpacas. Need to look for additional committee members to help manage/promote new initiatives.

Fiber project collection forms/website needed. Keep promoting in newsletter.

Fiber donations should be good quality 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, no 3<sup>rd</sup> s. Minimum donation should be 10# for Donor pricing.

Same drop off locations – BOD farms

Last drop of date is at the picnic

Fiber sort to happen by September 1 if possible

**Other**

Conclusion of meeting:

Motion to Close

Next meeting date June 1, 2022 @ 7:30pm

Appendix A  
Grant Initiative Outline

**From:** Chuck Jewell <[chuckjewell3@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckjewell3@yahoo.com)>  
**To:** Eaaboard <[eaaboard@empirealpacaassociation.com](mailto:eaaboard@empirealpacaassociation.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2022, 05:57:29 AM EST  
**Subject:** FFA Grant

Our EAA member Todd Eick (Tamadack run) helped me with the write up and ideas for this.

Here are three initial ideas. We can do a full write up/application if the group approves, but didn't want to spend too much time if we are humming the wrong tune. I think there's enough here to get the gist. Let me know...

EAA Fiber Grant(s)

Who: any NYS FFA chapter or art teacher in a school that has an FFA chapter. Grades K-12.

Why: to promote the alpaca fiber industry. More specifically, here in NYS.

This grant is designed to introduce alpaca fiber and yarn and the fiber arts into schools. Grantees will be required to create or make a fiber-based project of their choosing. Examples include: "painting" with dyed fiber, a weaving or knitted project, a mixed media project (containing at least 50% fiber), etc.

Photos of students working on the project as well as the finished product(s) will be required at the completion of the project. All photo entries will be displayed at the annual Showtacular (EAA's annual alpaca show), therefore high-quality photographs are recommended.

Grant award: \$300

EAA Community Fiber Grant

Who: any FFA Chapter or 4H club

Why: to help promote the NYS alpaca fiber industry and serve your community

This grant is for community service. The grantee will be awarded a classroom set (10) of 12" looms, 10 balls of alpaca yarn, a \$100 gift card to Hobby Lobby/Michaels for additional yarn/tools, a one hour live video tutorial, and access to a series of videos through Facebook and YouTube. (Estimated value of ~\$450)

Students will make hats for a homeless shelter, will stitch 12" squares together for lap blankets or larger blankets for a nursing home, woman's shelter, or whatever happens to be in your community.

(\*we highly recommend using acrylic yarn for any item that will require frequent washing. Part of the video tutorial will discuss this.)

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Another idea could be to offer a "EAA Walking Fleece Grant" where the winner actually receives an alpaca. (Obviously have to already have something in place already). Then would be required to show the animal at X number of shows/fairs for the first year of ownership. Include a EAA membership for a year. And maybe a mentor for 6 months. Something to that effect.

The Guernsey group does this with a calf, if this was of interest, I would model after theirs.