



Virginia Alpaca

A-OK Show committee/ Board meeting
1/30/2008

Meeting held by teleconference called to order by John Robinson 7:05 p.m.

Attending:

John Robinson, Karon Storm, Ed Downs, Mike Alpert, Robin Howser, Jess Bowers
Sallie Pike, Danette McCleary

Treasures report; Robin Howser we have \$42,404 I bank, we should have between \$30,000 and \$35,000 after expenses are paid. Everything should be complete by Feb general meeting.

Show items:

- The left over bedding is at Tom Kania's, we will sell it to members at \$5.50 per bag, we have about 100 bags left.
- Next year make sure exhibitors know they will need a mat, also our vendor did NOT have a good supply of merchandize such as mats, we need to make sure this is not repeated in the future.
- We have 15 days to get the tax in to the state. Sallie will fax the sheets she has to John.
- Dr. Simpson was paid the \$200, her seminar was very well attended and will be available on the A-Ok web site, we have her release to publish this information.
- Therease will send out thank you notes to silent auction donors.
- Sallie will send thank you to the volunteers and vendors there will be a general great big thank you on the A-Ok web page.
- John and Ed will work on the updating the web page.
- Many of us took a straw poll of the attendees and found the date and weather was not a big concern, neither was the show being an AOBA sanctioned event. The biggest issue is to avoid conflicting with other shows. Most of the spring months are full, this date really does seem our best bet.
- After looking at alternative event centers it is evident that the best value is the Shawnee Expo Center, the only date available to us there is the last weekend in January, therefore Karon has contracted the Shawnee venue for the last weekend in January 2009.
- Karon will submit an application for the 2009 show for the last full weekend in Jan. This may conflict with F2F which does have an impact on the fleece show. Sherry does not mind if the fleece show remains small and if AOBA will not allow us to have a show on that date Karon suggests we do not have an AOBA show; we can go ALSA or international or do our own thing. More and more other shows are doing this and with good reason. The SD has become a hindrance, not a help.
- Sherry asks we send out a blast just before shearing time to remind people to collect show fleece when they shear.
- Judges for 2009 will be Kevin O'Leary and Sara Jane Maclennen
- The obstacle course was a big hit and we will keep it on Saturday. Tom Kania wants to get local 4 H kids involved, the Loan a Llama that is done at Houston is well attended and gets media attention, we will try to do something along those lines in 2009.
- Mike will have the halter and fleece results up on the web site soon.
- Mike will need someone to take over the show book, he will mentor this person and he has most of the necessary program.



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- Karon suggest next year we put the class schedule out before check in, either in the book or alone, then we post the class changes. Other shows do this and it seems to work and is much easier than trying to get the schedule printed by Sat. morning.
- Jess has offered to take over the electronic advertising for the show; Mike will get him the needed information. They will work on the emails.
- Show items that will be used next year and where they are stored are: Ribbons (Karon), Judges mats, chains, stanchions and boxes (Tom) Bio-security stuff (John)

General meeting is set for February 24, 2008 at Fire Mt in OKC

Main item will be election of new Board members; Karon and Mike are leaving the board.

Sallie is working on slate of candidates, suggestions are:

Butch Butler, Bob Erickson, Patty Maness or Rudy Casias

We need to decide on a representative for the affiliate congress; John feels we should try to find someone who will commit to attending for three years so we have knowledge and continuity in our representation. This person does not have to be on the board but should work closely with the board.

Mike or Karon will present a report on the 2008 show at the general meeting as well as update on 2009 show plans.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.