

# **Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting January 5, 2003**

Present: Richard Jonassen – Rain Dance Pond  
Scott Young – Hilltop Alpacas  
Tim Wilson—Alpacas of Pleasant Valley  
Chris Gilman – Riverside Alpacas  
Kelly Quinn Zanella—Spa Alpacas  
Polly Michaelis—Finger Lakes Alpacas  
David Friedman – Adirondack Alpacas

Meeting called to order at 12:45 p.m. at Spa Alpacas

Old Business:

Minutes of the 11/17/02 meeting were approved by motion and seconded.

New Business:

Symposium – An e-mail will be going out reminding people of the Symposium. Hotel block of rooms only being held until 1/24 and with the Legislative Caucus in town, other hotel rooms will be at a premium. Projected profit and loss statements were handed out and reviewed. Board members will be calling EAA members to make sure they have an opportunity to attend this event.

We discussed potential ideas for a symposium next year. We decided that the date was good and we'd aim for it again.

Scott Young reported that the second education grant was approved. In total that's \$2,500 toward this Symposium!

Farm Show – additional details were discussed.

Marketing – Chris Gilman will continue working on magnets for a “give away” at the show and also look into EAA pens. The pens could also be used at the Symposium. Both articles would have the web site and logo on them.

Polly Michaelis will continue to work on a generic Association brochure to replace the 10 cent one from AOBA.

We'll be purchasing leads from AOBA to send them a post card from the Association directing potentials to the website. Leads from NY, MA, VT, NJ, PA, CT, Ontario and Quebec will be purchased.

Show: date still needs to be confirmed. Judges are being considered.

Ethics Committee: Richard Jonassen gave a progress report. A new draft was handed out to the Board for their review. Richard will collect our comments. We discussed possibly drafting a “breeders guide”.

Scott Young reported that the Board had been contacted by the Great Lakes Alpaca Association to say that they were interested in possibly co-sponsoring events. That idea was discussed.

David Friedman reported that with outstanding bills the Association currently had \$19,774 in the checking account.

Nominating Committee: Tim Wilson reported that he has received the names of several people interested in running for the one board seat that’s up this year.

Next meeting scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at Riverside Alpacas. We will discuss the Symposium and Farm Show events.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting closed at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Polly B. Michaelis, Secretary