

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting October 6, 2005 (teleconference)

Present: Barry Finer - Gore Mountain Farm
Chris Gilman - Riverside Alpacas
Richard Jonassen - Alpacas of Rain Dance Pond
Steve McCarthy - Spruce Ridge Farm
Polly Michaelis - Finger Lakes Alpacas
Scott Young - Hilltop Alpacas

Absent: Susan Wissick - Oh, My! Alpacas

Meeting called to order at 8:34PM.

September 20, 2005 minutes were approved and seconded.

2005 Extravaganza:

- Discussed various charities to receive the proceeds of the raffles and silent auction. Decided to throw our support to Cornell Vet School to help enhance their camelid work.
- 11 herdsires are in the raffle/silent auction
- Young is working on a potential donation of a trailer to next year's auction.
- Discussed what to do if microchips cannot be located or do not match vet papers. AOBA rules now require a microchip. Young to check with Connie Alexander if the show committee is allowing any leeway with this new rule. Otherwise, no animal will be permitted in the building without a microchip that matches the vet papers.
- Jonassen's donated rug may move from raffle to silent auction.

Miscellaneous:

- Noted that there will be a Vermont show next year sponsored by some Vermont farms.
- Approved technical support payment of \$2,500 plus \$150 per month.
- Contacted by the NY Farm Bureau Foundation. They distribute a calendar to every third grader in NY public schools for agricultural education. Alpacas will be the featured animal for one month in the calendar. Approved a \$350 payment to the Foundation.
- Approved a \$1,500 payment for the NY Farm Show to be held in February 2006 at the Syracuse Fairgrounds.
- Discussed possibly moving the October "open house" weekend from Columbus day weekend to another weekend. No decision made.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting closed at 9:31PM.

The next Board meeting will be determined by email notification.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen McCarthy, Secretary