

Minutes Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting 14 May 2007

Present:

John Askew	Sunset Ridge Alpacas
Chris Gilman	Riverside Alpacas
Richard Jonassen	Alpacas of Rain Dance Pond
Steve McCarthy	Spruce Ridge Farm
Ann Merriwether	Nyala Farm Alpacas
Sue Zelazny	Andes Dandies, LLC

Absent:

Susan Wissick Oh, My! Alpacas

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Richard Motioned that the 2 April 2007 Meeting Minutes be approved. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Symposium

- The Saratoga does not have a room for lunch on Saturday and has asked if we would consider moving the date.
- Steve will check with Dr. Johnson about alternative dates.
- John will check on other facilities in the Saratoga area.
- The preceding week conflicts with the NY Farm show and would require 6-8 volunteers to handle that if we have the Symposium on the same weekend.
- Cornell is still interested in hosting the Camelid Conference with EAA. Other potential hosts are Oregon State and Dr. Purdy. We need other ideas on how to collaborate with Cornell.
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Donations

- Janine Anderson (AOBA) asked if EAA would sponsor the Fiber to Fashion design competition. Donation would be used as prize money for winners.
- Students prepare design boards which are sent in and judged. The students don't have to attend the event.
- AOBA prizes have been meager compared to similar competitions so more money is needed.
- Sponsorships range from \$100-\$1000.
- EAA normally does a \$3000 general sponsorship.
- Board is willing to do a \$1000 sponsorship but needs more information. Steve will get details and send out to Board.
- Dr. Bedenice called in to discuss her proposal to evaluate the effect of blood pressure agents on alpacas under anesthesia. Sue motioned that we fund this effort. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Board agreed to fund two UMASS students to attend seminars at the National Conference.

2007 Extravaganza

- Contract for the panels was signed at MAPACA

- Theresa Gruenhagen will be an apprentice judge at the Empire.

Marketing

- Brochure is complete and will go to print after review by Tasha Trimm.
- Plans for the National Alpaca Day will be finalized by 1 June. EAA will promote on our web site.

Newsletter

- Only one article so far. Need an article on upcoming election. John will ask Sue Watts to write something.
- Include copy of the new Brochure if it is ready and make it available to members.
- Summary of the survey is on the web site so no need to include in newsletter. Steve will email membership that results are available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for 7 June 7:00 PM