

## Minutes Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting 9 August 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
Susan Wissick	Oh, My! Alpacas
Sue Zelazny	Andes Dandies, LLC

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Richard motioned that the 11 July 2007 Meeting Minutes be approved. Sue Zelazny seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### Newsletter

- Subjects for the next newsletter include
  - request for dead cria
  - National Alpaca Days
  - Proposed Bylaw changes
  - Elections
- A copy of the new brochure will be included
- Ann agreed to talk with Tacha Trimm about using a commercial to promote National Alpaca Day for EAA members.

### 2007 Extravaganza

- AOBA show registration not working. Scott has asked Don to get his program up and running. Registration will need to be pushed back one week to give Don the time he needs. Scott will send out an email to membership.
- Caterer for dinner has not been found yet. Scott is looking at options.
- New England Alpaca Fiber Pool (NEAFP) will provide gloves for the exhibitor gift bags. Board discussed options for additional gifts.
- Board discussed additional benefits for Platinum sponsors to provide better value.
- Lighting quote came in at \$4K
- No quote yet for sod in second building
- Scott will get signs pointing to the remote parking area.
- Chris suggested bottled water with the EAA logo be available at the show.

### Marketing

- No proclamation for National Alpaca Farm Days yet.
- 51 farms have signed up for National Alpaca Days on the EAA web site.
- Empire Farm Days had a smaller turn out than usual.

### **2006 Extravaganza Complaints**

- Show Superintendent has not been notified of a resolution on complaints filed at the 2006 Extravaganza.
- Steve motioned that any exhibitor violating AOBA rules at an EAA event not be allowed to register animals or fleece in an EAA event for a period of one year. John seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for 18 September 2007 7:00 PM