

Minutes Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting 25 February 2008

Present:

Jeanine Anderson	Gaze Acres Alpacas
John Askew	Sunset Ridge Alpacas
Cindy Cuykendall	Song Meadows Alpacas
Chris Gilman	Riverside Alpacas
Steve McCarthy	Spruce Ridge Farm
Ann Merriwether	Nyala Farm Alpacas
Sue Zelazny	Andes Dandies, LLC

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Steve motioned that Minutes from 7 January meeting be approved. Sue seconded, motion was approved by voice vote.

Newsletter

- Need articles in early March
- Subject ideas include Farm Show, blood work at Cornell and membership renewals

2008 Extravaganza

- Steve motioned to approve Scott Young as Show Coordinator with same terms as last year. Chris seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

2008 Symposium

- 46 Veterinarian registered for Friday
- Wet Lab with Dr. Johnson filled up with 96 people
- 153 total attendees
- 132 fleece entries
- 10 sponsors
- 2 adds were placed in Saratoga news papers inviting the public to the fleece show and vendors
- \$31K in revenue generated to offset cost of event

Financial

- Audit of 2006 record is complete with no major findings. Board needs to address comments in Management Letter.
- Steve proposed that we wait to initiate an audit of the 2007 records and consider a By-Law amendment to eliminate this requirement.
- Audit suggested EAA use and accounting software package. Sue will buy

- Quickbooks Pro and start to use.
- Bank balance is over the \$100K insurance protection limit. Steve motioned that the Treasurer be allowed to transfer funds between accounts to stay under the \$100K limit. Sue seconded, motion approved by voice vote.

Miscellaneous

- Alpaca Breeders of Western NY requested that EAA purchase a sponsorship for their show. Board decided to supply a booth rather than purchase a sponsorship.
- The CAT Scan done by Cornell for the artificial cria effort did not have the resolution required to make a realistic cria. A request will be placed in the newsletter asking if any members have access to a more powerful CAT Scan machine.
- EAA will have an unmanned booth at MAPACA.
- Chris indicated the raffle at 2007 Empire Extravaganza did not draw much interest and that we should consider doing something different next year.
- Steve indicated we should consider establishing a Fiber Committee.
- Steve motioned to renew Don's contract as Webmaster. Chris seconded, motion approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for 30 March 2008, 11:00 AM at Song Meadows Alpacas.