

# Minutes Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting 16 June 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 30 March meeting be approved with changes discussed. Sue seconded, motion was approved by voice vote.

Sue motioned that Minutes from 25 February meeting be approved with changes discussed. Jeanine seconded, motion was approved by voice vote.

## **Newsletter**

- No articles received for June edition as of today.
- Subject ideas include summery of survey, fiber committee, Cornell rotation, photos for school calendar and membership renewal.

## **Survey**

- Ann summarized results from 106 survey responses.
- Locations of choice for next year were #1, Saratoga and #2 Syracuse
- Questions concerning the Extravaganza Product Booth vs a clothing vendor vs sale from pens indicated that members wanted all three. Board discussed this subject at length. Board decided to keep the Product Booth.
- Sue motioned that we include a clothing vendor at the Extravaganza, space permitting. Chris seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- John motioned that members be allowed to sell from their pens at the Extravaganza. Jeanine seconded and the motion passed by majority voice vote.
- There appears to be enough interest to support an AFCNA fiber pick. Steve motioned that we have a fiber pick-up. John seconded, motion passed by voice vote. Cindy volunteered to coordinate.

## **2008 Symposium**

- Saratoga is not available next year so Cindy and Chris will visit potential sites in the

Syracuse area.

### Election

- The nominating committee has requested approval of the candidates from the Board. Candidates are: Ken Clark of Tartan Acres LLC, Dick McCoy of Foxrun Farms Alpacas, Tim Preston of Preston's Alpacas, Connie Preston of Song Mountain Alpacas and Barb Rossi of Bel Canto Farm. Steve motioned that the Board approve the slate of candidates. Chris seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### Miscellaneous

- Cornell informed Steve that due to the wording of the \$25K gift EAA had made they were unable to use the monies for anything other than scholarships. Steve motioned that we allow the monies to be used for any Camelid related course work and not restricted to scholarships. Chris seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Jeanine asked for suggestions on what the Fiber Committee could do to help the membership. Developing a fiber processor list, define a model for a fiber production enterprise, and general fiber education were offered.
- Declaration of the ILNY Llama and Alpaca Days did not happen last year. Board agreed to support the AOBA National Alpaca Day again this year.
- Steve received a request to fund a Male Infertility Study for \$2K. He will get a project write-up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for 14 July 2008