

Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Meeting June 2, 2009

Present:

Jeannine Anderson	Gaze Acres Alpacas
Cindy Cuykendall	Song Meadows Alpacas
Steve McCarthy	Spruce Ridge Farm
Dick McCoy	Foxrun Farms Alpacas
Ann Merriwether	Nyala Farm Alpacas
Barb Rossi	Bel Canto Farm

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Scott Young joined the meeting for the discussion of Extravaganza items.

Election of New Secretary Steve nominated Ann Merriwether to replace Jeannine as secretary, Sue seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ann will serve as secretary until October 2009.

Extravaganza

After discussion of the pros and cons of accepting credit cards, Sue made the motion that we do accept them, Barb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

We have had 9 requests from clothing vendors. Locations for vendor booths were discussed and we will think about the various possibilities. Vendors will be charged \$300 per stall and asked to make a donation to the silent auction.

Scott Young will cover the responsibilities of barn manager as part of his job as the show coordinator. We will be ready to help him.

Marketing

Logo designs will be ready soon for the board to view and select.

Membership Renewal

We currently have 259 members. 151 have already renewed their membership. Calls will be made to remind people and a reminder will be put in the June newsletter.

Approval of Minutes

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Cindy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AOBA &ARI requests for \$

AOBA & ARI are asking for assistance with a survey project costing \$50,000. Affiliates are expected to contribute \$1,000 to \$5,000. We feel we need more details about the researchers and their methods. We will think about whether or not to contribute EAA funds.

Syracuse Horse Show

Cindy reported that there will be an invitational horse show the week after Extravaganza at the Oncenter in Syracuse. We have been asked to have a display in the vendor area, to bring a couple of alpacas, and to have educational information for school children. We will also have available EAA information and youth group information.

Empire Farm Days

August 11, 12 & 13. Cindy will be in charge and Dick will help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 13th at 7:00 PM.