

- Minutes of Empire Alpaca Association Meeting December 14, 2009

▪ Sue Caston	Patchwork Meadows
▪ Steve McCarthy	Spruce Ridge Farm
▪ Dick McCoy	Foxrun Farms Alpacas
▪ Cindy Cuykendall	Song Meadows Alpacas
▪ Ann Merriwether	Nyala Farm Alpacas
▪ Barb Rossi	Bel Canto Farm
▪ Sue Zelazny	Andes Dandies, LLC

- **Old Business:**
- **Symposium/Fleece Event** (Steve)
 - Update we have three judges lined up and they will also be speakers so that will be cost effective. We are especially excited to have a suri seminar.
 - Vendors we discussed vending fees and giving these much-desired spaces to our loyal vendors from the Extravaganza and Symposium. We discussed what vending fees to charge. Cindy made a motion to set the fee for clothing vendors at \$200 and other vendors at \$50. Sue Caston seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Fundraiser/Herdsire** (Barb) we discussed having a raffle format with a set \$500 fee vs. the standard herdsire auction that we use at the Extravaganza. There was much discussion on this. The board decided to go with a set fee of \$500 to not only create revenue for the Symposium but to provide some quality herdsire breedings at low cost to our membership. (We really didn't make a motion and vote here, but in a straw poll the Board voted 6/7 in favor of a fixed \$500 raffle fee.)
- **Cornell Research Proposal Funding Decision** Tracy Stokol contacted us about funding the following proposal: “Iron deficiency anemia in alpacas: A common problem of unknown cause and no current solution” Investigators: Joseph Wakshlag, Tracy Stokol, Susan Wade, Karyn Bischoff from Cornell University We had discussed this proposal favorably last month. We were waiting to see how a few loose ends from the Extravaganza and Symposium worked out. Sue Zelazny made a motion to donate the Cornell part of the Extravaganza raffle and herdsire auction as a restricted gift to this

specific project, Sue Caston seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Farm Show Participation** (Cindy) We talked about not doing this for reasons of economy and have decided to stop participation in the farm show and Empire Farm Days.
- **New Business:**
- **Approve minutes from 11/16/09** Steve made a motion to approve the November minutes Sue Zelazny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **NEAF** We discussed putting a full page ad in the New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Festival program booklet. Advertising in this would reach 3000 fiber producers and the price was really good (\$95 for a full page ad). Barb will create an ad for this. (Thanks to Barb for taking this on, on short notice)
- **Web site Review** (Cindy) A member has offered to review the website and look for broken links and outdated information. Cindy will discuss this with the member.
- **Committee Charges** Cindy is going to send these out for review. Barb will send out the marketing version she is working on using AOBA guidelines