

Draft **Minutes Empire Alpaca Association Board Meeting 5 November 2007**

Present:

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

Absent:

Jeanine Anderson Gaze Acres Alpacas

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Corrections to the August Minutes were discussed and John agreed to make the changes. Steve motioned the August minutes be approved. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Newsletter

- Scott will write a review of the Extravaganza
- Steve will write on By-Law Amendment vote
- John will write on Board of Director elections
- Ann will write about "Bandito"
- Articles need to get to Sue by Thanksgiving

2007 Extravaganza

- Steve sent hand written thank you notes to all Platinum and Gold Sponsors, Herdsire Sponsors and some of the volunteers.
- Express check in for platinum sponsors did not work as well as expected.
- Parking was not a major problem even though it got a little backed up at times.
- Vet did an excellent job of screening animals
- Need more attractions for general public.
- Rockefeller's will not be able to run raffle next year.
- Raffle brought in substantially less than previous years. Board will consider finding someone else to run the raffle or using the floor space for something else.
- Suggested ideas to revitalize the show.
 - Demonstration area for fiber arts
 - Vendors
- Low participation in production classes because they were late on Sunday. Board

will consider moving production classes back to Sunday morning if AOBA rules allow.

2008 Symposium

- Need 8 Fiber Arts Classes. Possible classes include;
 - Latch Hooking with roving
 - Skirting
 - Spinning
 - Tri-Loom Weaving
 - Felted Hat
 - Sock Machine Demonstration
 - Frame Loom Weaving
 - Fiber Dying
 - Circular Knitting
- Tim Lavann(sp?) and Dianne Timmerman are the fiber judges.

Election of Officers

- The Board Elected Officers for the upcoming year
 - President – Steve McCarthy
 - Vice President – Cindy Cuykendall
 - Secretary – John Askew
 - Treasurer – Sue Zelazny
- Steve McCarthy made a motion to remove the former Treasurer, Christine Gilman as an authorized signer on the HSBC and AG Edwards accounts and add the new treasurer, Susan Zelazny as an authorized signer on both accounts. Cindy Cuykendall seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Ann will take over Richards job as information Point of Contact.
- Cindy will be responsible for sending brochures to AOBA leads and will take over membership administration from John starting in February 2008.

Miscellaneous

- Chris will coordinate February Farm Show Contract
- Steve suggested a complementary EAA membership to Morgan Bowers for writing the By-Law changes.
- Cornell has not yet scanned a cria.
- Scott Youngs contract has expired. Board will solicit interest from members in running the 2009 Extravaganza.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for 2 December 2007 11:00 AM at Riverside Alpacas.