

Calpaca Membership Meeting Minutes:

In person meeting-not recorded

Date: February 17, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

**The California Alpaca Breeders Association (Calpaca) represents alpaca owners, breeders, and enthusiasts in California and beyond. We promote the well-being of alpacas and provide education to the public about alpacas, alpaca fiber, and alpaca products. We support each other through shared information and experiences, and host meetings, have speakers, and shows for the benefit of members and the public.**

**Welcome and call to Order by President Dave S.**

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am

Attendees: Dave & Sheila Scroggins, Sabina & Donnie Karr, Cyndi Howard, Pam Ogden, Deb Galway, Dale Davis, Karen Kelly, Dave Berry, Jana Kane, Dianna & Jack Jordan, Brandi & Russ Mello, Beckie Perell, Grey & Chelsea Phebus, Tommie Smith, Tina Raibley, Laurie Findlay, Scott Findlay – Simone & Wendy Adams.

House Keeping - Hosted by Dave & Sheila Scroggins of Colusa Alpacas Lincoln, Ca.

**NEW BUSINNES:**

**Item 1: Change of persons on the Board of Directors and Positions**

- Clarification provided regarding the current BOD. Dave explained that Larry Macedo, Micheal Gomes, & Brandi Mello had decided to resign. Dave reached out to AOA regarding the current process and protocol. The candidate with the next highest number of votes were put into place in the following order, Cyndi Howard as Vice President (2 yr. term), Sara Mattia as Member at large (1 year term), Pam Ogden Treasure (2 yr. term).
- Dave Scroggins will remain as President and Sabina Karr will remain as the secretary.

**Item 2: Documents to Discuss**

Discussion by Dave Scroggins the purpose and direction of the written Resolutions. Resolutions will act as guidelines. The BOD will move forward in prioritizing their importance. Still looking for volunteers to assist with the resolutions.

- Resolution #1 – Bylaws Committee (Dave Liaison / Sara Chair) – Chelsea Phebus has volunteered
- Resolution #2 – Fund Raising Committee (Dave Liaison / Donnie Chair)
- Resolution #3 – Membership Committee (Need Liaison / (Sheila Chair)
- Resolution #4 – Education Committee (Sabina Liaison / Cyndi Chair)
- Resolution #5 – Fiber Committee (Cyndi Liaison / Need Chair)
- Resolution #6 --Show Committee (Need Liaison and Chair)
- Resolution #7 --Youth Committee (Sara Liaison / Sabina Chair)

**Item 3: Website / Connection: Update / Recommendations**

- Discussed updates, missing meeting minutes, and the current need to have members updated on the website. All agreed this is to be a priority, to ensure all members are listed.

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- Collette Peterson was contacted by Larry Macedo regarding the position as web master. Collette is still interested, however is requesting a mission statement she can review to be sure she understands the direction Calpaca wants to go. She would like to wait a couple of months if she decides to take on the position.
- The BOD's will reach out to the membership to gauge the degree of interest. Right now, we will focus on updating the website. Open herd is still hosting; it is up to the affiliate however to keep the website updated.
- Regarding the online Connection: The current Editor had been ill and was unable to get a couple editions out to the membership in 2023. The current BODs have decided to have one edition of the Connection that will come out at the end of the year. The end of the year issue will have articles regarding the work the resolution committees have completed. This will ensure that all Calpaca members will be aware of the work the BOD and committees have completed.
- It will also include a list of the current members and farms. Will be looking for additional articles as well as advertising opportunities.
- Deb Galway – suggested not making big changes to the website, just to keep it updated. The current BOD and members agreed.
- Jack Jordan suggested putting the Connection online as a PDF. Discussion regarding benefits of keeping on-line vs hard copy.
- Dale Davis suggested looking for a volunteer position vs a paid position. Work needs to be done on the website on a regular basis. Potentially make it a paid position.
- Dianna Jordan has verbalized the difficulty updating the website. Not always user friendly.

**Dale Davis has volunteered to be the Connection Editor !!!!!!!– Thank you Dale.**

**Item 4: 2024 show update / 2025 Pen Sale with Herdsire Showcase?**

- Russ Mello provided update: Fleeces show standard / Innovative fleece Assessment IFA: Aug 31- Sept 2 or Sept 7 & potential Judge: Beverly Brem, as well as Dave Barbosa. waiting on confirmation. PNAA fleece show will be the following weekend.
- GCG/Classic - October 25 -27, 2024 check in 10/24 Judges will be Stephanie Glyptis and Ken Hibbits. Superintendent for the Fleece show will be Dale Davis and Halter Superintendent will be Steve Johnson with assistance from Brian Barfield
- Working on utilizing the Orland venue again in the Spring 2025 for the Classic show.
- Pen Sale/ Herdsire showcase: Discussion regarding having a one-day event. Either a personal farm/ranch or a fair ground. Provides opportunity to showcase different alpacas. Dale Davis described the Herd Sire Showcase.
- Discussed regarding having a booth at the California State Fair the end of July 2024.
- Announced the Kids and Camelid Show in Wilton April 13<sup>th</sup> – Same date as Caba.

**Item 5: Treasurer report / Membership update Treasurer Report**

- Copy of current report provided as a hard copy. As of Jan 2024: General Checking Balance: \$26,883.39, Savings Balance: \$33,017.69, PayPal account Balance: \$729.00. Total Assets: \$60,630.14
- The BODs will be working on a budget, to come out soon.
- The 2023 Taxes have been completed and filed and were passed out to members for preview.

- Dave: Discussion regarding our status as a 501c5 vs. 501c3– we are a non-profit 501c5 but believe we once were once a 501c3. Under 501c5 donors cannot write off donations. Fund raising can be challenging if there is not a write off option for those who donate. Will contact the Secretary of State office.
- Will review and discuss best option for our organization.

### **Membership**

- Dave is working with Robin Gifford from AOA regarding affiliate membership and looking at ideas. We need volunteers to make things happen. It’s all about the members.
- New members/visitors were introduced:
  - Greg & Chelsea Phebus from Yankee Hill Alpacas. Agrotourism business focusing on donated nonbreeding females.
  - Also introduced were Pam Ogden, Dave Berry, Tina Raibley, and Jana Kane.

### **Item 6: Roundtable Discussion – Policy and Procedures, Additional questions, and or information,**

- Dave discussed the need to amend the bylaws, last done 9 yrs. ago, and establish policies /procedures for which there are none. The BOD will be working on putting together a handbook.

Other comments:

Becki Perell: Creating an agricultural business plan, 7-week course out of Minnesota.

AOA affiliate membership meeting 2/20/24, Dave will be attending. AOA is requesting 2 in- person meetings a year.

Laurie AOA is doing a conference call 2/21/24 – discussion regarding EPD’s.

### **OLD BUSINNES:**

#### **Item 7: Trailer need of painting and new Logo.**

The trailer needs a new logo only. Need to be updated. Russ has volunteered to get quotes. BOD will make the final decision.

Motion by: Dale Davis

Second by: Jack Jordan

All in favor – no “No’s”

#### **Item :8 Motion to adjourn**

Adjourned at 11:37

Motion By: Laurie Findlay

Second By: Russ Mello

Lunch: 12:00p.m. Lots of food. Thank you to all who made the potluck a success.

Educational Program – 1:00 p.m. Dr. John Madigan gave great lecture, power point, and demo on Madigan Squeeze technique for Dummy Cria.

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