

Calpaca Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

La Fogatta Restaurant Loomis (Zoom)

Date: Jan. 6, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

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: Dave Scroggins, President

Time Called to Order: 5:51 pm

Attendees: Michelle Ing, Dave Scroggins, Cyndi Green Howard, Pam Ogden and Tommie Smith (Zoomed).

OLD BUSINESS:

- Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of Dec. 18, 2024, reflected meeting would be Jan 13, changed to Jan 6. **Motion** approved by all
- Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes of Jan. 1, 2025, **Motion** approved by all.
- Treasurers Report
Brief discussion on proposed 2025 Calpaca budget, due for a vote at General Membership Meeting in February. Michelle downgraded Intuit account to basic so it could still be accessed, but plan going forward is to use Excel. Intuit refunded \$10.
- The calendar of events is now updated, with a few pending dates to be determined with basic events and dates. Pam Ogden has offered to host Feb 22, 2025, Membership Meeting. Need to be posted on website. Tommie will send to Scott Findlay.

Committee Updates:

SHOWS: An email with information was sent to members. Michelle reports that DJ Reidel will be coming from Denver to serve as superintendent & her husband will do walking fleece for the Wild West Show.

Russ Mello asks if the BOD wants Fleece Extravaganza and/or Gold Country Gathering & California Classic this Fall? And if so, do we want him to be Event Manager?

Dave says we are required to present this employment opportunity to others to satisfy non-profit requirements. Michelle suggests we need to get membership input. Dave proposes sending an email to membership tomorrow and letting Russ know why.

We will be hosting only a regular fleece show, no IFA show. PNAA holds their IFA show about a week later. It worked well to offer to transport fleeces from Calpaca Fleece Extravaganza to PNAA last year. We should set up a similar situation again this year. Dave recommends paying for the Event Manager at \$750 since it will be only the one fleece show. A more detailed proposed budget needs to be presented before it can be approved. Dave has heard that some people didn't like the venue for GCG & CC. Although many did. We need to take into consideration the location if we are to have Russ to be Event Manager. He does not want to travel far because of the frequency of trips back and forth he would have to go to prepare shows. For the Fleece Extravaganza, Karen Kelly's barn worked very well for the fleece Extravaganza show.

CONNECTION: The Winter 2024/2025 Connection has been completed by Dale Davis and was sent to Calpaca membership via email. Will be posted on website as well. The membership list is included in this issue of the Connection.

WEBSITE: Discussions have been had with Joe Preston at OpenHerd regarding upgrading the Calpaca website. The current rate for the upgrade would be about \$50 a month (\$600) for our affiliate website. Our current rate is about \$350 a year paid monthly. That is a \$250 increase. He offers for us to upgrade with a lump sum of \$499 paid in advance and not monthly. That would bring our increase down to \$150. The increase would cover an events booking page link, SSL security certificate, and we are currently paying \$90/year for email forms; Joe is working on including an ability to have email forms included with website which would save us \$90 a year. We also have the ability to use our cell phones to view the Calpaca website making them more user friendly.

MOTION to approve upgrading the OpenHerd website at an increased cost of \$150 yearly Passed by all.

Sheila Scroggins is investigating using Square instead of PayPal for processing payments.

Dave suggests moving away from Microsoft. Will investigate for possible motion next meeting.

Feb 3, 2025, is the next BOD meeting.

General Membership meeting is 10:00 a.m. Feb 22, 2025, at Pam Ogden's, 7521 Mountain Ave, Orangevale CA 95662.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.