

Calpaca Membership Meeting Minutes

**Alpaca of Loomis Ca.**

**Date: November 16, 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: 10:05 Being Recorded.**

**Meeting called to order at: 10:05**

**Attendees: Dave Scroggins, Cyndi Howard, Sabina Karr, Pam Ogden, Matthew Watkins, Wes Zahler, Francois Barbe, Diana Jordan, Brandi & Russ Mello, Beckie Perell, Laurie Findley, and Scott Findley**

Guests: from San Diego – Wes Zahler & Matthew Watkins Zahler Ranch – Welcome!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 1 REPORTS OF DIRECTORS:**

- **President Welcome** Dave
  - Thank you to Beckie Perell, Loomis Alpacas, for hosting the meeting
- **Election Results** Dave
  - Michelle Ing & Tommy Smith have been elected. Thank you to Molly for running.
  - Thank you to Lin Murray for your help as the election official and thank you to Sandy Wallace, Stacey Payne and Tracy DiPippo for being on the election committee.
  - Discussed making changes to the future election process.
- **Treasurers Report** Dave / Pam.
  - Handout.
  - \$43,870.91 Balance as of November 11, 2024
- **2024/ 2025 budget discussion** Dave Update
  - Discussion regarding ways to improve raising revenue. Encourage ongoing participation with members.
  - Discussion of a large item that can be raffled. Ex was a Gator vehicle.
- **Connection Report** Dave Update
  - Dale is still working on the current edition of the online connection.
  - Membership edition will be coming out around the end of the year.
- **Website Report** Sabina Update
  - Thank you to Scott Findley for your ongoing support with our website.
- **BOD Acknowledgements**

- Thank you to the current board of directors for all their work on the board this past year. All expenses for travel to the Calpaca meetings was covered by each BOD member. None of the Board Members asked for reimbursement.

## Item 2 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- **Show Committee**                      **Dave update**
  - Continuing to look at additional show options.
  - Russ Mello report on the Gold Country / Classic Show:
  - Entries were down: \$29,065 total entries and stall fees minus paypal fees.
  - Herdsire auction \$12,225. Includes \$250 to each farm that donated breeding.
  - Waiting on invoice to pay walking fleece supervisor.
  - Show committee will work on innovative ways to increase volunteer involvement.
  - Participants numbers were down, due to personal health issues, as well as the Iowa show the prior weekend.
  - Silent auction- approximately \$2000.
  - Total: \$3962 profit as of right now.

### Fleece Show in September 2024:

- 167 fleeces – 104 were transported PNAA IFA show 250 fleeces. \$575 sponsored, total income \$6970. Expenses, \$9168.02
  - Russ was paid \$1500 for the fleece show. Loss was a result of the increased salary related to the show.
  - AOA -Every entry \$6. Paid to AOA. / \$300 website / Ribbon and banners all cost have gone up. May need to rethink smaller ribbons to save money in the future. AOA rules 1-6 place. IFA ribbons 1-3<sup>rd</sup> place. \$2125 for the cost of banners for fleece show.
  - Discussed benefits of IFA show entry. More feedback on fiber submitted.
- **Youth Committee**                      **Sabina update**
  - Discussed youth activities available to include Jan 2025 Hobo show, Kids and Camelid Show, and California State Fair.
- **Fundraising Committee**              **Dave update**
  - Silent auction chaired by Cyndi Howard – Thank you!
  - Continue to look at additional options to increase revenue.
  - Explore ideas on ways to provide incentives to donors.
  - Suri network is currently doing an online auction. It would be a wonderful option for Calpaca to raise revenue.
  - Members include Steve Friend, Donnie Karr, Dave Scroggins
- **Education Committee**                **Sheila Update**
  - AOA webinars are open to all members. Sheila will continue to promote
  - Request for a webinar with Amanda VandenBosch regarding how the alpaca industry is proceeding in other countries.
  - Webinar with Wade is still available for \$10.
  - Sheila continues to send emails with links on a regular basis.
  - Senate Bill 1479. Designed to decrease Agritourism liability. Sheila is working on having a webinar soon.

- The BOD /Calpaca wrote and sent a letter of support. Thank you to Sara Mattia for writing the letter.
- **Bylaws Committee Dave update for Sara**
  - Looking at changes to be made to the bylaws.
  - Each committee was allocated a stipend for costs. No committee has asked for reimbursement.
  - Working on policies and procedures manual to provide direction to all new board members.
- **Fiber Committee Cyndi update**
  - Cyndi Howard & Beckie Perrell are the current members. Working on a list of fiber mills as a resource to Calpaca members. Looking at additional mills in various states.
  - Sheila sent fiber to Texas handwoven creations in June and rugs are to be sent this week.
  - Fiber shed is another option to collaborate with.
- **Membership Committee Sheila update**
  - 47 farm members, 11 new members, 6 associate members. 64 total members.
  - Sponsoring a new farm has helped to increase membership. Sheila has reached out to past members trying to get them to join.
  - Beckie is interested in being part of the Membership committee.
  - Sheila designed a new flyer that can be posted in various locations. Approved decision to send fliers to members. Suggested to place a QR code on the document.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 3 ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS OR ACTION ITEMS**

- **Purchase of Computer to be used by Treasurer**
  - Discussion regarding the benefits of purchasing a computer. Research options and bring back to the BOD
- **2024 UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Recipient**
  - Discussion as to the endowment fund that is through UC Davis. Provided to a vet student. Calpaca does not have any input into the decision as to which candidate.

**Item 4 UPCOMING MEETING:**

- **Next BOD meeting, December 9, 2024**
- **Special Board meeting Dec with New 2025 Board Members**
- **General Membership Meeting Feb 15, 2025, & May 17, 2025. Hosting available**
  - May Meeting location will be: Alpacas of El Dorado Laurie & Scott Findley. Thank you!

**Item 5 MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**Adjourned at: 11:40 Motion By: Pam Ogden, Second By: Cyndi Howard Approved: all Opposed none.**

