

Calpaca Membership Meeting Minutes

Alpaca of Marin / Marin Ca.

Date: Aug. 24, 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: Dave Scroggins

Meeting called to order at: 1035

Attendees: Dave Scroggins, Sabina Karr, Cyndi Howard, Sheila Scroggins, Sandy Wallace, Maria Guziak, Paige Chittenden, Allison Reilly, Tommie Smith

Documents presented. - Agenda, Meeting Minutes May 18th, 2024, Budget, Balance Sheet Summary, Alpaca Social Media Campaign

APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: MAY 18, 2024

Motion By: Sabina Karr Second By: Sheila In Favor: all Oppose: none Abstain: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1 REPORTS OF DIRECTORS:

- Treasurers Report Dave update for Pam. **Hand Out**
 - Presented by Dave. Total Assets currently \$54,824.41,
- 2024 budget discussion Dave Update **Hand Out**
 - Discussed documents provided. Clarification for the new members regarding terms. Budget reflects budget from Jan 1, 2023 to May 21, 2024.
- Connection Report Dave Update
 - Dale Davis has completed one issue which is posted. Fall connection is in the works. ½ page adds will be free to advertise “marketplace items”, fiber related products. Watch for email from Dale. Goal is for the Connection to be out in the middle of October. Next edition will be a hard copy of the Connection which will be a membership directory. Advertising will be business card ads for a minimal cost of approximately \$25. The final edition should be out in December.
- Website Report Sabina Update
 - Thank you to Scott Findley for taking on the website and keeping it current. Still working on finding past meeting minutes to be posted. We continue to find a way to have all memberships posted on the website. Members need to open an Openherd account to be placed on the Calpaca Website.

Item 2 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Show Committee Dave update

- Michelle Ing is the current Chair. Russ Mello is also on the Committee. Looking for an additional person to be on Committee. Discussed bringing back the Herdsire Showcase to promote our Sires. Also looking at a pen sale in 2025. Still trying to secure a location.
- Sheila Scroggins will be transporting fleeces to the Fall Fleece show to be held at Karen Kelly's Ranch.
- At the GCG there will be a catered sit-down dinner on Saturday night. Currently there are 2 Suri and 5 Hucaya, Thank you Tommy Smith for your hard work as the Herdsire Auction Coordinator.
- **Youth Committee Sabina update**
 - California State Fair was held the end of July and provided an opportunity to network with additional 4H /youth groups throughout California. There will be a Kids and Camelid show in Wilton, Ca in April 2025.
 - Security issues were identified at the California State. Discussed writing a letter to the State Fair.
- **Fundraising Committee Dave update for Chairman Donnie Karr**
 - Brainstorming for a high dollar item to sell raffle tickets.
 - Cyndi Howard is working on donations for the silent Auction at the Gold Country Gathering. Will be posting items on Facebook. Several items have already been donated.
 - This morning, we were able to have a ton of Orchard Grass Hay donated.
 - BOD has agreed to compensate the owners of the donated Herdsire breedings \$250.00. Will discuss the details on how to handle the transaction.
 - Currently we have 5 ranches that have committed to having their names placed on the Calpaca Trailer. Still looking into estimates on actual costs.
- **Education Committee Sheila Update**
 - Members are Sandy Wallace, Cyndi Howard, Sheila Faulkner-Loser
 - Squeeze presentation had been presented at the Scroggins Ranch, following the Calpaca Membership meeting in February 2024. Sheila will be posting the presentation video on the Calpaca U-Tube site after getting permission from Dr Maddigan.
 - Webinar by Wade Gease brought in about 15 participants. Video still available to view for \$10. Looking for additional opportunities. Spoke with Robin Skillman DVM, to complete additional educational opportunities.
 - First meeting July 9th, 2024. Will be having quarterly meetings.
 - Recently sent an email to let Calpaca members know about the numerous educational videos that are available.
 - Will plan on posting this General meeting video on the newly established Calpaca U-tube Channel. Sheila will also try to have a video put together to showcase the Fall alpaca show in Orland. Moving forward, may investigate a paid position for a social media representative.
 - Steve Harvey Insurance PFC will hopefully be able to provide the educational presentation at the November
- **Bylaws Committee Dave update for Sara Mattia**
 - Next meeting is September 10th. Areas that have been worked on include Classes of memberships, inspectors of elections, voting rights, officer duties. Next on the list are Conflicts of interest, Types of Nepotism, and termination of membership.

- **Fiber Committee** **Cyndi update**
 - **Met several times to brainstorm ideas. Focus has been on fiber processing. Working on a directory of fiber mills in California to include prices and wait time.**
 - **Expanding on other areas, such as fiber artists and workshops.**
 - **Looking forward to our field trip to the Fiber shed today following the educational portion of the Calpaca Membership Meeting**
- **Membership Committee** **Sheila update**
 - **Document passed out.**
 - **Looking for host ranch for 2025 Membership Meetings.**
 - **Started a “Sponsor a farm” program. Have signed up 11 new members as a result.**
 - **As a Calpaca Member Discount on fleece and halter show. \$50. Will clarify if this is correct.**
 - **Those joining in last quarter of Year – will extend membership**
 - **Reviewed AOA membership list 34 that are not Calpaca members. Asked to join Calpaca. Ten members did not renew their membership. Email sent please renew action Item Motion By Sandy: All in favor to be discussed at next BOD meeting.**
 - **52 Ranch membership, 9 new 6 associates 58 total.**
 - **Discussed the time of the meeting to be second Sat of the month. Discussion that really depends on the host. It seems that we need to be somewhat flexible.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 3 ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS OR ACTION ITEMS

- **Guidelines for elections and Inspector of Elections. Election update.**
 - **Election committee Sandy Wallace, Stacey Payne, Tracy Dipippo . Two openings Sabina Karr & Sara Mattia**
 - **Closes September 16 for nominations**
 - **Inspector of Elections is Michelle Ing. Thank you to Linda Cline for her past help. Important position**
- **Nation-wide media project. Request Calpaca participation. **Hand Out****
 - **Discussion regarding a national media campaign to promote the alpaca industry. This is an outside agency not AOA. Calpaca BOD has opted to not participate at this time.**

Item 4 UPCOMING MEETING:

- **Next BOD meeting, Sept. 16, 2024**
- **Next Membership meeting Nov. 16, 2024 Loomis Alpacas, Loomis Beckie Perrel.**

Item 5 MOTION TO ADJOURN:

**Adjourned at: 1234 Motion By: Sandy Second By: Tommy
Approved: all**