

# NJAC General Membership Meeting

## MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2007

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JERSEY BREEDERS

MEETING CALLED BY	Frieda Goodrich
TYPE OF MEETING	General Membership Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Sue Robinson
ATTENDEES	Frieda Goodrich, Bill Johnson, Susan Robinson, Howard Jungkind, Lorrie Benyaker (guest), Jack Rose, Selena Rose, Jimmy Eng, Holli Eng, Mike Kober, Doug Kittrell, Jerry Braatz, Sue Tuccillo, Shirl Vaughn, Ingrid Wood, Mark Breese, Natalie Burger, Maria-Elisa Finnegan, Carol Pfister,

### Agenda topics

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES FRIEDA GOODRICH

DISCUSSION	Minutes were read by Sue Robinson. Mark Breese made a motion for approval, a second was made by Bill Johnson and the minutes were approved by all in attendance.
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2. FINANCIALS AS PER MESSAGE FROM DENNIS HITE

DISCUSSION	Balance of account is \$6728.63.
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3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISCUSSION	<p>MEMBERSHIP –This committee is still to meet. Their first priority is to develop a Code of Ethics. A list of membership benefits is also being developed. Committee members interested in designing membership postcards were asked to volunteer.</p> <p>SHOW- Bill Johnson presented information gathered from the group in Vermont that has just put on their first AOBA certified level 4 show. A detailed timeline and budget guideline were laid out. Based on this outline, a minimum of 15 months were needed after a venue was decided upon. The bulk of expenses totaled about \$122,000.</p> <p>EDUCATION- Plans for a 9/29/07 seminar continue. Commitments have been received from speakers at the Rutgers cooperative and Buckeye. Topics include nutrition for 2-6 year old alpacas and pasture management. The location and budget will be finalized shortly. The communication committee will assist as needed with advertising. Veterinary and vet tech students in the area will be invited to attend. A display promoting National Farm Day will be present including a map denoting farms participating in the Open House and a membership list. Attending farms are invited to bring promotional items.</p> <p>COMMUNICAION- The website has been updated.</p> <p>NEWSLETTER- Natalie Burger is chairing this committee. The newsletter will feature committee reports and an article from each committee related to the committee's function. Members wishing to contribute an article are asked to submit it through the appropriate committee. The newsletter will be issued quarterly about 3 weeks after the each membership meeting. It will also include a President's message. It will be distributed via e-mail and will be archived on the website. One ad of reasonable length per issue per farm will be allowed. These ads are not to be used sell animals or stud services.</p> <p>FIBER- Deborah Lamer will be this committee's chairperson. The group is looking into conducting a two-day educational fiber event in March 2008. They are examining the possibility of a fleece show in 2009. They are also checking into fiber sales opportunities at the Waldorf School and the Chester craft show. A service project to create blankets to donate to charity raffles has also been proposed. Farms are asked to donate a knitted or crocheted 12" square which will be assemble into blankets and given to charities to raffle as fundraisers.</p>
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4. NJ SHOW PROPOSAL LORRIE BENYAKER/GENERAL DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION	<p>Lorrie Benyaker, representing Robin Gilmore Events, LLC, spoke about a show that is being held on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Garden State Expo Center in Somerset, NJ. They are anticipating a Level 4 show and Tim Lavan has contracted to judge. Melissa Young has been approached to act as show superintendent.</p> <p>NJAC's level of participation was discussed. NJAC could sponsor the show ("as brought to you by") if the membership is in favor. As a sponsor NJAC would receive 20% of the profit which is anticipated to be a couple of thousand dollars. No money would be put up by NJAC. Alternately we could participate by attending and volunteering. We could provide seminars and possibly have a vendor booth, most likely for</p>
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	<p>handcrafted goods only. At this point AOBA certification is pending and questionable. Lorrie anticipates the second judge and show superintendent should be finalized shortly and the paperwork will be submitted. If we agree to sponsor, the membership will be polled to see if they prefer judging to be 50/05 or 60/40 (fleece/conformation). NJAC and 4H groups would be given display booths.</p> <p>After this information was presented, Lorrie left the meeting and general discussion continued among the attendees. It was agreed that we would wait to see if AOBA certification is obtained and follow-up on this matter with Lorrie. If they receive certification, the membership will be asked to vote on our level of involvement, i.e. sponsorship vs. attendance/seminars/volunteering, via email.</p>
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5. HERITAGE ALPACA EVENTS INGRID WOOD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ingrid notified the group that Heritage Alpaca Events will be holding a level 1 halter show at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds on 5/4/08. They are also sponsoring a level 1 fleece show in conjunction with a seminar by Wini LeBreque on 11/10/07 in Bordentown, NJ.
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6. ELECTION COMMITTEE BILL JOHNSON

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Two positions are up for election. Volunteers are needed to fill these seats on the Board as well as to assist on the Election committee.
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7. NATIONAL ALPACA DAY FREIDA GOODRICH

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Information regarding National Alpaca Day will be forwarded to the membership via email. Registration is available on-line and is \$25 payable to AOBA. They are setting up a website to promote the event that will go on-line in September.
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8. GOOD PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SEAL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Sharri Silverman will be invited to the September membership meeting to discuss a Good Practice Management state seal that is available.
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9. OLD BUSINESS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Grant requests can be made to MAPACA for costs incurred to attend the Affiliate Congress and to advertise our upcoming seminar. Grant forms can be obtained from Carol Pfister.
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Motion made by Howard Jungkind with a second by Sue Robinson

<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Susan Robinson	July 10, 2007
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