Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors:

Shauna Brummet, President	Rhonda Deschner, Treasurer	Patty Hasselbring, Director
Jeff Williamson, Vice President	Karen Ball, Director (Absent)	Andy Merriwether, Director
Steve Aitchison, Secretary	Wendy Dittbrenner, Director (Absent)	Mike Vigus, Director

Executive Director: Robin Gifford

Meeting: Conference Call - **Monday, April 27, 2020**
6:00 PM Eastern Time

Meeting called to order by Brummet at 6:05 PM Eastern.

1.0 Ratify Email Votes – March 23rd Meeting Minutes — Brummet

Hasselbring moved to ratify, Williamson seconded. Approved 7-0 (Dittbrenner & Ball absent).

2.0 Financial Report

2.1 Monthly Report — Deschner

Halter Show Revenue is up, and expenses are down. Registry is down ~$12,000. Membership is nearly exactly as it was in 2019.

2.2 2020 Budget Executive Summary — Gifford

2.3 Budget without NFE — Gifford

The budget would need to be adjusted down by approximately $9.400 if the show is cancelled. Board discussed options for still carrying on key aspects of the show. Hasselbring moved that we cancel the NFE show in Nashville, but pursue creative solutions to still conduct many of the events that normally occur at the NFE. Approved 7-0 (Dittbrenner & Ball absent).

3.0 Secretary's Report — Aitchison

March minutes approved.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 DDC Swab Testing Update (Goal 3) — Brummet

Test swabs will go to the lab on Tuesday, April 28.

4.2 Alpaca Breed Standard Agreement (Goal 4) — Brummet

Board discussed the feedback from the membership and incorporated changes. Aitchison moved that we accept the changes and present this version to the membership for a vote of approval. Deschner seconded. Approved 7-0 (Dittbrenner & Ball absent). Brummet presented a ltter to the membership to present the Breed Standard. Hasselbring motioned to accept the letter, Merriwether seconded. Approved 7-0 (Dittbrenner & Ball absent).

4.3 Election Update — Gifford

Board Member disclosures are due this week and election material will mail out soon.

4.4 Show Task Force Update — Brummet

An Alpacagram will go out on Tuesday, April 28, inviting applications to serve on the Show Revitalization Task Force.

5.0 Executive Director Update/Dashboard

5.1 Dashboard — Gifford

Gifford discussed analysis and analytics of the web site.

5.2 30th Anniversary National Alpaca Show Wrap Up Report — Gifford

6.0 New Business

6.1 Total Herd Reporting Proposal — Vigus

The Board discussed Vigus proposal on Total Herd Reporting and tabled it for further discussion after some thought and research is done.

7.0 Committee and Other Reports

7.1 Government and Industry Relations Committee (meets 1st Monday) — Merriwether

Committee discussed COVID related tax relief memo that they recently sent out. They are still working on Agri-tourism, and talked about COVID in livestock in pets and is working on a memo to the membership on that.

7.2 Judge Training and Certification Committee (meets 2nd Wednesday) — Williamson

No report.

7.3 Judges Advisory Committee (meets 1st Tuesday) — Vigus

No report.

7.4 Show Rules Committee (meets 1st Thursday) — Deschner

No report.

7.5 Fiber and Fiber Products Committee (meets 1st Monday) — Ball

No report.

7.6 Alternative Products Committee (meets 3rd Tuesday) — Aitchison

No report.

7.7 Membership Committee (meets 2nd Monday) — Hasselbring

Hasselbring presented a new individual for membership in the committee, Brummet seconded. Approved 5-0. The Committee discuss an addition to the Gift Membership to allow other members to gift a membership to a new owner as well. Hasselbring moved to accept the new addition, Aitchison seconded. Approved 5-0. Committee also presented a recommendation to the Board to discuss approaches to owners with various levels of engagement.

7.8 Affiliates Council (meets 3-4 times annually) — Brummet

Twenty affiliate members participated. Confidence was good with those in the meeting and discussion covered many events and concerns through the remainder of the year.

7.9 *Ad hoc* Fleece Show Committee — Ball

No report.

7.9 *Ad hoc* Web Site (meets as needed) — Williamson/Aitchison

No report.

7.10 Registry, Petitions, and Appeals (meets as needed) — Brummet, Dittbrenner, Merriwether

None to report.

7.11 Grievance Review Committee (meets as needed) — Brummet, Hasselbring, Vigus

None to report.

8.0 Meeting Wrap

8.1 Contact the Board Update — Brummet

A member asked if alpaca products could carry the coronavirus. Merriwether responded.

8.2 Action Items — Williamson

8.3 Next Meeting — May 18, 2020 — Brummet

8.4 Adjournment Motion: Hasselbring moved the meeting be adjourned, Aitchison seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM Eastern.