Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors:

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

Meeting: Conference Call - **Monday, November 18, 2019**
6:00 PM Eastern Time

Meeting called to order by Brummet at 6:04 PM Eastern.

1.0 Ratify Email Votes — Brummet

1.1 AlpacaGram announcing AOA Executive Director, Robin Gifford

1.2 September 23rd board meeting minutes

Williamson moved to accept both email votes, Hasselbring seconded. Passed 8-0 (Absent: Deschner)

2.0 Treasurer Report — Deschner

2.1 August Financial Report

Discussion of the August Financial report was tabled due to the Treasurer's absence.

3.0 Secretary's Report

3.1 October 28th board meeting minutes

The October 28th meeting minutes were approved. Dittbrenner moved, Williamson seconded. Ball and Aitchison abstained. Passed 6-0-2.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Executive Director on-boarding — Brummet

New Executive Director, Robin Gifford, visited with the office staff and will start December 5, 2019. She will be attending the Camelid Symposium in January 2020 in California as her first event.

4.2 DDC swab testing update — Brummet/Merriwether

Testing will proceed with approximately 20 samples collected from herds with enough diversity to prove out the results.

4.3 Alpaca Breed Standard update — Brummet/Hasselbring/Vigus

Board discussed the breed standard and will vote at the December meeting on how to proceed.

4.4 IFA – award process - discuss — Brummet

Discussion covered aspects of the agreement, including a contribution through the new program to go into a fund for Judges Training via the amount an affiliate pays. Additional discussion covered how awards would be handled.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Election committee

Board members will share their suggestions for Election Committee members by December 13, 2019. Some important notes from the discussion included reminders that the Election Committee chair is typically someone from last year's or recent year's committee and that Election Committee members cannot drop off and become a candidate.

5.2 Fiber committee members

Ball and Brummet reported that several fiber committee members have become inactive and/or resigned from the committee, including the chair, Norm Johnson. Ball will prepare an AlpacaGram soliciting Fiber Committee new members and ask Norm Johnson for suggestions on new Fiber committee members.

6.0 Executive Director Update/Dashboard

6.1 No report

7.0 Committee and Other Reports

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

Committee researched Michigan's new regulation of all chips being 15-digit, but it isn't anything at the Federal level so only those in Michigan will be concerned. Board discussed how to handle this sort of thing going forward as more and more states roll out similar policies. Merriwether will direct GIRCOM to create an informational document to email on the microchip requirement.

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

Discussed pursuing Voluntary Inspection of alpaca meat as a good first step toward getting to full USDA Mandatory inspection, as well as methods for shipping large quantities of meat long distances.

7.7 Membership Committee (meets 2nd Monday) — Hasselbring

The Membership Committee is working on ways to involve youth effectively in the organization and will be studying benefits relevant to the four business models that were previously identified in the committee.

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

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

No report.

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

No report.

8.0 Meeting Wrap

8.1 Contact the Board Update — Brummet

Nothing to report

8.2 Action Items — Williamson

8.3 Next Meeting — December 16, 2019 — Brummet

Changed to Monday, December 16th due to the holidays.

8.4 Adjournment Motion: Ball moved the meeting be adjourned and Dittbrenner seconded. Passed 8-0. Absent: Deschner. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM Eastern.