BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Our Mission:
Serve all Alpaca Owners Association Members to facilitate their success within the alpaca industry.
Our Vision:
A recognized and sustainable North American alpaca industry for alpaca owners, alpaca breeders and those who design, produce and sell alpaca related products and services.

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| Board of Directors: | Jennifer Hack, President | Wendy Dittbrenner, Vice President |
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| | Wini Labrecque, Director | Scot Miller, Director |
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| | Michael Livingston, Director | |
| Special Guests | Dr. Jeri Booher, Cheryl Gehly and Margie Ault | |

Executive Director: Robin Gifford

Meeting: Board Meeting, Monday September 27, 2021 7:00 Eastern Time

1.0 **MEETING OPEN:**
Meeting open by President Jennifer Hack at 7:07 Eastern Time.

2.0 **CONSENT AGENDA:**
Travel Policy, Executive Director's Report, Dashboard, Social Media Status, Committee Reports not needing discussion or action. Motion by Lynn, second by Rhonda, approved 9-0.

3.0 **AUGUST MINUTES APPROVAL:**
Motion by Scott, second by Lynn, approved 9-0.

4.0 **SRC PRESENTATION BY DR. BOOHER** (changes to the Show Rules Book)

4.1 Status of all 2021 Pilot programs:
All Pilot programs will continue thru 2022 as a benefit to membership with evaluation of benefit for 2023.

4.2 Chapter 12 Section 2, Classes approved by Wavier.
a. New classes approval will be evaluated on a show by show basis.
b. New class approval must adhere to existing judging criteria & show rules.
c. New classes must be approved by application with written approval by the Show Administrator prior to any type of promotion.
d. New class approval must be completed and approved each new year.
e. The term wavier has been eliminated.

4.3 Chapter 17. Halter Shows. Novice Classes and Novice Shows:
a. Novice classes requirements shall match up with the New Point System and therefore a Novice Breeder is a farm who has owned alpacas for 5 years or less.

4.4 Chapter 17. Section 7. Halter Class Rules:
a. Placings first through sixth shall be made provided there are sufficient entries **and shows must award ribbons for placings first through sixth.**

4.5 Chapter 17. Section 9.A. Color Championship classes:
a. Color Championships maybe offered for full fleece and composite halter classes at any show **if** the following **minimum totals as verified on the AOA Certified Show Placing Cards are met:**
1. Eight alpacas per Huacaya breed type, per gender, per color group
2. Six alpacas per Suri breed type, per gender, per color group

4.6 Chapter 21. Fleece Competitions. Cottage Fleece:

a. Cottage Fleece competitions have been eliminated.

4.7 Chapter 21. Fleece Competitions. Class Assembly Rule to split by gender.

a. Additional class assembly rule for Level III and above Fleece Shows only (Huacaya and Suri)

1. **When the minimum number of 175 fleeces is reached, classes shall be split by gender so long as Color Championships are preserved within EACH gender for that Color Group.**
2. **However, if Colors Championship minimums are not met for both genders within a Color Group, that Color Group will not be split by gender and will remain as combined gender classes.**

4.8 Chapter 21. D.1. Fleece Show Championship class.

a. A minimum of **70 points** is required for a Championship award (**66.5** points required for Multicolor and Indefinite)

4.9 Chapter 21. Fleece. Competitions. C.:

a. Huacaya points
Uniformity of Length (5)
Fineness (15) and Handle (5)
**Uniformity: Secondary/Primary micron range (5), Absence of Fibers >30 (5) and Uniformity of Micron (10)**
Style: Character (crimp) (10) and Density (5)
Brightness (10)
**Color Consistency (5)**
Absence of impurities/~~stains~~/ fleece damage (5)
Annualized fleece weight (20)

b. Suri points:
Uniformity of Length (5)
Fineness (10) and Handle (5)
**Uniformity: Secondary/Primary Micron Range (5), Absence of Fibers >30 (5), and Uniformity of Micron (10)**
Style> Lock Structure (10) and Density (5)
Luster (20)
**Color Consistency (5)**
Absence of impurities/~~stains~~/fleece damage
Annualized fleece weight (15)

4.10 Chapter 21. Fleece Competitions. D. Walking Fleece Judging Criteria:

a. Huacaya points
Uniformity of Length (5)
Fineness (15) and Handle (5)
**Uniformity: Secondary/Primary Micron Range (5), Absence of Fibers >30 (5), and Uniformity of Micron (10)**
Style: Character (crimp) (10) and Density (5)
Brightness (10)
**Color Consistency (5)**
Absence of impurities/~~stains~~/fleece damage (5)
Maximum Point Total for Huacaya: 80 points

b. Suri points:
Uniformity of Length (5)
Fineness (10) and Handle (5)
**Uniformity: Secondary/Primary Micron Range (5), Absence of Fibers >30 (5), and Uniformity of Micron (10)**
Style: Lock Structure (10) and Density (5)
Luster (20)
**Color Consistency (5)**
Absence of impurities/~~stains~~/fleece damage (5)
Maximum Point Total for Suris: 85 points

4.11 Chapter 24 Youth Performance:

a. To hold youth performance classes even if small. They would be held as Exhibition Classes. SRC is still working on development of a format.

5.0 **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

5.1 AS OF 9/27/21 all Financials are in the black.

5.2 Lynn presented her proposal on funding the Strategic Operating Budget at 50% of operating costs. There was discussion on Lynn's plan to take 4 mutual funds, which includes the CD that matures in November 2021, liquidate to cash or equivalent and move most of the funds into our Strategic Operating Fund, with the remaining being placed in the Strategic Reserve Fund.

5.3 Strategic Discussion 1. Motion: Lynn, Second Jeff, approved 9-0.
See 5.2 with the understanding actual policy will need amended and wording approved by Sheri. Motion: Lynn, Second: Jeff, approved 9-0.

6.0 **Strategic Discussion 2:** Scott asked what the membership could expect of AOA as it pertains to fiber?

6.1 Discussion revolved around helping affiliates establish programs in which their members could co-op fleece endeavors that would move fleece to processing and potential profit for the members. The plan used by PAOBA and taught by Wini Labrecque, will be presented to the next affiliate meeting. If there is interest Wini has agreed to make presentations to the affiliate members and help set up programs. Discussion will continue concerning AOA possibly co-funding these projects with certain restrictions. Further discussion will occur after the next affiliate meeting with Robin and Wini.

7.0 **OTHER BUSINESS:**

7.1 Histograms in member accounts: It was discussed and agreed to place histograms in member accounts with the "public or not button" similar to the EPD button. Motion: Lynn, Second: Rhonda, approved 8-0. Jeff was not present for vote.

7.2 Having collaborative efforts with affiliates involving lists sharing, event sharing. More discussion is needed

7.3 Herdsire Auction at the National Halter Show. All Board members have agreed to solicit and obtain one Herdsire for the National Show Auction.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: Scott, Second: Wini, approved 8-0