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.

Board of Directors:	Shauna Brummet, President	Rhonda Deschner, Treasurer	Wini Labrecque, Director
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Executive Director: Robin Gifford

Guests: Greg Neilson, Facilitator for Strategic Governance and Board Growth session Part I; Show Rules Committee Members: Gerri Brower, Cheryl Gehly, Margie Ault, Show Administrator

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2020; 4:00 PM Pacific/7:00 PM Eastern

1.0 Meeting Opening
Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm Eastern Time by President Brummet. Ball led the celebration of the shows held in Iowa over the weekend.

2.0 Strategic Governance Session with Facilitation
Continuing board development with consultant

3.0 Show Rules Pilots:
Guests joined the meeting representing the Show Rules Committee and their concerns about the pilot changes made in the show rules.

Clarifications requested for:

1. Decision to implement a pilot 2020-21 year, limiting walking fleece sizes to 12 and split after 12 alpacas. Question from committee concerning whether the intent was to mimic halter show sizes. If so, maximum class size for halter show is 11. Classes of 12 or more must be split into two classes of equal size, and divided by age.

2. Decision provide a pilot for the 2020-2021 year, allowing for a show to include a novice class, a small breeder class, or both. Small breeders are defined as those with twenty or fewer AOA registered females of the same breed. Novice classes are defined as those who have been in existence for under 10 years." What does "both" mean? Statement needs to say that shows can offer novice classes, small breeder classes or novice small breeder classes. The correct wordage will be implemented into appropriate areas of the Handbook. This means that a show can have a Novice Class, a Small Breeder Class, or the show can also have both.

3. Decision to implement a pilot for the 2020-2021 to decrease the required number of alpacas to eight Huacaya and six Suri per class to be eligible for color championships. Does this apply to both halter

classes and fleece shows? Clarification needed about whether that means both halter and walking fleece. Halter only.

4. Decision made to implement a pilot for the 2020-21 to decrease the number splitting a color division (such as True Black and Bay Black from four to three. Is this for both halter and fleece? Halter only.

   Discussion about the "may" and "shall" language in this decision. Primary concerns on pilot and Board motion "Any color designation shall be shown as a separate class when three or more alpacas of one gender and age division are entered within that color designation." Committee representatives presented perspectives from judges regarding small classes.

   Motion: Ask SRC to return to the Board with a recommendation concerning the "shall" or "may" language in the pilot on the numbers needed for splitting the color division designation (such as True Black and Bay Black). The written recommendation will be provided to the Board by the next Board. Moved by Hack. Second by Milligan. Motion carried. 9-0.

4.0 Consent Agenda

September minutes' email approval ratification, Executive Director's Report, Dashboard, Social Media stats, Committee Reports NOT needing discussion or action.
Motion to approve the consent agenda: Moved by Hasselbring. Second by Ball. Motion carried 9-0.

5.0 Financial Report

Treasurer Deschner reviewed highlights of financial status.

6.0 Wrap-Up and Adjournment

Members need to be recruited for the two task forces identified during the September meeting and based on recommendations of the Show Revitalization Task Force:

1) Point system for shows. Action: Establish a task force to investigate other breed organizations and identify potential structure for AOA.
2) Showing non-registered alpacas in fleece end product competitions. (Skeins, fiber arts, walking fleece, fleece competitions).

Board members are asked to submit names of members to Executive Director and the Board will review and approve of task force members. Criteria include people who are actively showing, variety of backgrounds, one or two people who have shown other livestock, ability to be objective and avoid self-interest.

Motion to adjourn by Vigus. Second by Hasselbring
Meeting adjourned at 10:17 Eastern Time. Next meeting: November 23, 2020