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	Jennifer Hack, President	Lynn Edens, Treasurer	Mary Miller, Secretary
	Rhonda Deschner, Director	Scott Miller, Director	Brian Houchin, Director
	Sharon Milligan, Director	Michael Livington, VP	Stacie Chavez, Director

Executive Director: Robin Gifford

Meeting: Annual Board Meeting - Thursday, July 13, 2023; 8:30 AM Eastern – Meeting room at the education facility

1.0 Meeting Opening — Hack

1.1 Welcome
Meeting was called to order at 8:37am Eastern
Jennifer welcomed the board and introduced new board member, Staci Chavez

2.0 Ice Breaker — Gifford

3.0 Consent Agenda — Hack

June minutes ratified, Executive ’s Report, Dashboard, Committee Reports NOT needing discussion or action.

4.0 Financials — Edens

5.0 Election of Officers

5.1 Election of President	Gifford
5.2 Election of Vice President	President
5.3 Election of Secretary	President
5.4 Election of Treasurer	President

Sharon suggested board positions stay this same for the 2023/2024 year. Motion by Sharon, second by Rhonda, approved 9-0

6.0 AOA Board Members Duties & Responsibilities — Visani

6.1 Board Code of Conduct
6.2 Board Conflict of Interest policy
6.3 E-mail expectations / issues
6.4 Communications to Members policy / social media
Shari Visani, legal counsel, reviewed Board members duties & responsibilities

7.0 Board Procedures

7.1 Board meeting agenda items

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7.2 2023 - 2024 meeting schedule

8.0 Committee Liason Assignments

8.1 Committee assignments

- Education Committee (NEW… no members yet!) - **Lynn**
- Fiber and Fiber Products Committee (FiberCom) **Stacie**
- Government and Industry Relations Committee (GIRCom) - **Mike**
- Judge Training and Certification Committee (JTCC) - **Sharon**
- Judges Advisory Committee (JAC) - **Scott**
- Marketing Committee (MarCom) – **Mary (Chair report to the board every other month)**
- Membership Committee - **Brian**
- Show Rules Committee (SRC) - **Rhonda**
- Youth Committee – **Jennifer**

- **Form to be created for committees to fill out for consent agenda so Board can stay updated**

9.0 New Business

9.1 Scott suggested Dr Long write a letter to the state veterinarian in Texas supporting alpacas crossing the state line from Oklahoma for treatment when no vets are available in the area of the farm needing assistance. Scott moved to approve, Rhonda second approved 9-0

9.2 Breeders cup and show system - proposed changing to females from under 15 to age 18 months to 15 years Sharon moved to accept, Scott seconded approved 9-0

9.3 Board discussed 840 chips and would like to revise the previous motion to require 840 chips and change to strongly advise use of 840 chips for crias born Jan 2024 and beyond
Brian motioned to approve, second by Sharon approved 9-0

9.4 The board participated in an all-day planning meeting. Many important topics were covered, but a focus on technology was deemed a top priority with a result being increased efficiencies and a better user experience.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:13pm Eastern
Scott motioned to adjourn, second by Rhonda
Next Meeting: August 28, 2023