



New Mexico Alpaca Breeders (NMAB) Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Call to Order: The general meeting of the New Mexico Alpaca Breeders was called to order at 1:15 PM at El Pinto Restaurant, Albuquerque, New Mexico by David Hunter, President.

Attendees:

Jenny Rodriguez, Bob & Louise Hazen, Tim & Diane Blackburn, Dave & Pam Groff, David Hunter/ Kathy Richardson, Larry & Barbara Roybal. Six (6) Farms are represented.

Minutes of June Meeting were discussed. Bob Hazen motioned to approve the June Meeting Minutes with minor changes. Barbara Roybal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion to clarify staggered terms was led by Barbara Roybal. All agreed that The By-Laws were correct and the current terms would be up for election as Follows:

President: expires in 2018

Vice President expires in 2019

Secretary expires in 2018

Treasurer expires in 2018

Membership expires in 2019

Election Results and Instillation of new Officers:

New Officers were elected, using Mail chimp App, to fill/complete the terms of Secretary and Treasurer. Barbara Roybal reported confirmation of the election results as provided by e-mail from Bill Herman (Communication Team). These terms will end in June 2018.

Tim Blackburn was elected Treasurer and Larry Roybal was elected Secretary.

Vice President Resignation: David Hunter, President, provided an e-mail he received October 9, 2017 from Anne Stallcup in which she announced her immediate resignation as Vice President.

The Board opened discussion to fill the position through June of 2019. The Board asked Pam Groff if she would agree to have her name submitted to the President to complete the Vice President(s) term. Pam agreed. With the unanimous consent of the Board, Tim Blackburn (Treasurer) recommended Pam Groff to the President to fill the Vice President position. David Hunter, President accepted the recommendation and Pam Groff was named as the new Vice President effective immediately (October 21, 2017).

Required actions: as a result of the newly named Officers: Tim will work with Pam to change the signatory names of the NMAB bank account to the new Treasurer and Vice President. The Audit Committee of Tom Freeze, Larry Roybal, Barbara Roybal, Tim Blackburn, Pam Groff and Kathy Richardson will review the NMAB Bank Statements to validate all expenditures and establish the “Bank Balance” for the new Treasurer.

Pam Groff, Vice President, asked the Treasurer to develop a summary of the Mark Hogan repayment plan for approval of the Board and presentation to the Membership at the next “Full Meeting”. It was recommended that Tom Freeze continue as the primary contact with Mark Hogan regarding his repayment plan through its’ conclusion.

2017 Agricultural Survey: David Hunter will provide information regarding the New Mexico 2017 Agricultural Survey to Bill Herman for distribution to the NMAB Membership.

Review of the NMAB By-Laws: Bob Hazen led discussion to review the NMAB By-Laws to assure that the Board had authority to incur costs up to \$1,000. The Board will discuss this and present a position to the Full Membership at the next Full Meeting.

Updating Farm Information: Bob Hazen requested that Member Farms/Ranches review and update contact information to update the NMAB Farm Listings. Pam Groff asked that a listing of both Full Members and Associate Member Farms be made available on the NMAB Web-Page. Barbara Roybal indicated that she will make that information available.

Reports:

Treasurer: Tim Blackburn (Treasurer) was unable to provide a Treasurers Report at this time.

Communications: Bob Hazen asked all Farms to review and update individual Farm contact information so the Web-Page can be up-dated.

Membership: Barbara Roybal indicated that NMAB has 15 full Member Farms and 2 Associate Member Farms at this time. Pam Groff led discussion to actively recruit additional Alpaca Farms and recommended opening membership to other fiber producers.

Education: Pam Groff provided discussion of the recent Fiber Workshop lead by “Shepherds Mill”. This was the third workshop that NMAB has provided in the last 18 months. Other members suggested ideas for future workshops including Felting, Inkle Weaving and Dyeing.

Other Comments: Jenny Rodriguez voiced disappointment that Associate Members are charged full price for attending NMAB sponsored workshops.

Next Full Meeting: The next meeting will be February 24, 2018. The Board will meet to determine the location.

Adjournment: Pam Groff motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Hazen seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM October 21, 2017.