

ABA – Meeting Record

Meeting Date:	April 10, 2010	Reported By:	Rhonda Phillips, Secretary Not present/done by Sue Kacsh
Meeting Time:	1:05 p.m.	Notes Completed:	April 10, 2010
Meeting Chair:	Linda Elliott, President	Meeting Location:	Desert Mirage Alpaca Ranch 16151 W Spur Bell Lane, Marana AZ

Attendees:

Chuck and Sandi Baxter, Desert Mirage	Joan Coster, Amor Del Alpaca Ranch, PHONE
Linda Elliott, Mesquite Valley Ranch, LLC	
Sue Kacsh, Pleasant Journey Alpacas	
Gary and Cindy Crenshaw, Desert Sun Alpacas	
Adrian Mihai and Lisa Soto, Mustang View Alpacas	
Norm and Sandra Johnson	
Donna Smith, Dove Mountain Alpacas	

Agenda Topics

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↪ Review/Acceptance of Minutes ↪ Treasurer's Report ↪ Membership update ↪ Fiber Committee ↪ 2010 SWAR Show Results ↪ Updating our website and show page ↪ Taos Fiber Festival – Final Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↪ State Fair In Phoenix ↪ Seminars for 2010 ↪ Nominating Committee
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Meeting Notes

*Linda Elliott called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
The minutes from the January 16, 2010 meeting were reviewed, voted upon and approved.*

Treasurer's Report

Linda Elliott gave Treasurer's report. Show was down \$600.00 from last years show.

Membership Update

We have 32 farms currently in ABA

Fiber Committee

Noreen Vaughan and Ann Lamon did the fiber this year sending it into the different mills and it all seem to go pretty well. Noreen asked membership for future suggestions on fiber. She has agreed to be Fiber Chairperson next year. Also we need 100 lbs of this years yarn on the cones to send out for finished products. Also if we want to send out fiber we need to have it out by August for this year's batch.

2010 SWRAS Results

Presented by Linda Elliott. Final results still coming in, more checks to come. Great show comments from Linda & Mike Woods, others also. Cut about \$2,000.00 from show budget before show. General consensus was public coming and positive moves. Fairgrounds asking to commit for next year, priced same as this year. Also they asked if we wanted a 3 year contract. This holds rates, possible other advantages. Tabled decision on a 3 year contract. Also going to try to find another vendor for food dispensing at our lunch etc. Still no final count on animals, stalls, farms.

Updating our website

So many things we would like to change and update. Norm Johnson has done some researching for personal webpage and was \$2500 - \$5000. Go Daddy, Intuit are possibilities. Changes in the photo gallery or to have one. On those photo galleries have farm name at bottom, possible? Must have someone who can improve the website and keep it up to date. Looking for any suggestions but would like to have other members input. We are currently hosted by Go Daddy. We have a committee started to on getting ideas on what we all think needs to be done. So far on this committee are Sandi Baxter, Linda Elliott, Gary & Cindy Crenshaw, and Sue Kasch. Linda Elliott will put out a blast for anyone interested in looking for a chairman.

Taos Fiber Festival, New Mexico

Presented by Linda Elliott. We have been accepted as members of MAVWA. Waiting for participation approval from MAVWA. Ann took photos of some of our handmade things at the ABA Booth and sent them into Taos. Please send handcrafted products only. Ann will take the items of any member wants to send some. ABA will get 10% of total profit. We encourage all members it's a good place to be sending it. We will have a collection point to transport stuff. Collection points to be determined.

State Fair

We feel that this would be a great place to promote our alpacas. These would be from any of the member's farms, but would only be fiber animals. Still checking on more information on leaving the alpacas and keeping them for the duration of the fair. We think this would be good publicity, to advertise, and for the show in March. Will check on selling our products also their. Their will be a full list of all ABA members at this showing, so that anyone would be able to look at the farms in their area to visit for later.

Will also make flyers, with ABA, and alpaca information.

Seminars for 2010

We were discussing on a *Nutritional Seminar* which would be led by Dr. Pugh. We would have to pay for his flight and hotel, etc. A *Mazuri* sponsor that was offering 3 free seminars and set up a distributor. This would be only alpaca nutrition in general. A *Fiber Seminar* after one of the meetings to learn about sorting, how to card, how to batt, roving, preparing for show blankets, dying. We need a spokesperson. A *Medicine Seminar* by Pat Long. Linda Elliott will look into a grant from AOBA to help pay for his time. We would like an email for the priority that you would like to go to!

Nominating Committee

Officers for the next year are needed to apply by the end of April. Chuck & Sandi Baxter (Desert Mirage Alpaca Ranch) volunteered and they are committed. They will take all emails, and calls. Linda Elliott will apply for President again this year, and Sue Kasch will apply for Vice President. If your interested in any of the 4 positions please contact the Baxter's. Show committee applicants are Gary Crenshaw and Joan Coster, so far. Also asking Karyn Doria is she is returning to show committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM

Next Meeting Date: June 26, 2010 *place to still be determined.*