Board Meeting Minutes 1.07.2025

(rescheduled 12.23.2024 meeting)

Our Mission

Champion the unique qualities of alpacas and encourage responsible breeding and care to ensure a thriving and sustainable alpaca industry.

Our Vision

AOA is the leading authority on alpaca ownership, breeding, and registration while fostering a strong community of alpaca enthusiasts.

Board of Directors

Jennifer Hack, President	Brian Houchin, Vice-President	Jason Gill, Treasurer
Michael Livingston, Director	Rhonda Deschner, Director	Gina Glasscock, Director
Mary Miller, Director	Sharon Milligan, Director	Mike Walsh, Director

Executive Director: Robin Gifford

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 07, 2024; 4:00 PM Pacific/7:00 PM Eastern

1.0 Meeting Opening — Hack

Called to order: 6:10 CST

2.0 Consent Agenda — Hack

November email approval ratification, Executive Director's Report, Dashboard, Social Media stats, Committee Reports NOT needing discussion or action.
Motion to approve: Deschner, seconded by: M. Miller. Approved.

3.0 Financial Report — Gill

Document reference: November Financials, Year-to-date Financials, Executive Financial Summary
November was a financially challenging month with insurance rates increasing so much, lack of magazine ad sales and membership renewal closed for 2024.

4.0 Awards — Hack

4.1 Shining Star (See nominees in AOA Board folder)
Several worthy candidates were nominated. Motion by Glasscock and second by Deschner, award winner was approved by all.

4.2 James G. King
There will be two recipients of the JGK, one awarded during the annual meeting online and one awarded during the national show banquet Motion by Milligan and seconded by Deschner to award these two nominees with the JGK award. All approved.

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5.0 Election Committee Hack

- Must be named at least 150 days before the election per Bylaws.
- Bylaws state election comm must alert candidates of their selection 100 days prior to the annual meeting.

Five members will make up the committee, two from last year and three new members with one alternate. Motion to approve five named: Glasscock, seconded by: Gill. All approve.

5.1 Annual Meeting Date - Do we want to select a planning meeting date and hold the annual meeting online at that time?

- If election comm is in place by January 15, 2025, the earliest we can schedule the annual meeting is June 14, 2025. (We aren't beholden to a July meeting)

Strong desire to keep the planning meeting and annual meeting in July. Perhaps in conjunction with the fleece show in Kentucky, tentatively, July 21-22.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Judge's Clinic Recap Milligan

Despite inclement weather, the judges' clinic went well. Two new apprentices will join the program. All judges recertified with one moving up to Senior judge.

6.2 Auction committee Hack

Jennifer and Brian will form an auction committee with two to three others who will help secure auction items for AOA's only fundraiser during the national show in Oklahoma.

6.3 Board planning meeting date and place (Lincoln? Someone's farm? Other?) Hack

See 5.1 above.

7.0 Adjournment 7:13pm CST Hack

Next regular meeting: February 3, 2025 (Rescheduled January 27th)