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
Michael Livingston, V. President
Mary Miller, Secretary
Lynn Edens, Treasurer
Rhonda Deschner
Brian Houchin
Wini Lebrecque
Scott Miller
Sharon Milligan

Executive Director: Robin Gifford
Guests Sheri Visani, AOA Corporate Counsel, Margie Ault, AOA Show Systems Administrator

Meeting: Annual Board Meeting - Thursday, July 14, 2022; 8:30 AM Eastern – Burlington, Kentucky

1.0 Meeting Opening:
The meeting was called to order at 8:51 am Eastern time.
Jennifer welcomed the board and introduced new board members, Brian Houchin and Mary Miller.

2.0 Ice Breakers
Fun questions asked of each member with no particular meaning other than to solicit a humorous response.

3.0 Consent Agenda:
June minutes ratified, Executive 's Report, Dashboard, Committee Reports NOT needing discussion or action.
Motion to accept by Wini, send by Lynn approved 9-0

4.0 Financials:
Document ref: YTD and June financials, Executive Financial Summary
Lynn reported nothing out of the ordinary.
Recommended not including investments in the operating budget starting in 2023. Investments will continue to be reported on the P&L, just not reported operationally month-to-month.

5.0 Election of Officers:
All Officers were nominated and ran unopposed.
President
Rhonda made the motion to close nominations and Lynn seconded it. Jennifer Hack was elected unanimously, 9-0 as President of the 2022-2023 AOA Board.
Vice President
Lynn made the motion to close nominations and Sharon seconded it. Michael Livingston was elected unanimously, 9-0 as Vice President of the 2022-2023 AOA Board.
Secretary
Sharon declined the nomination to be secretary. Lynn made the motion to close nominations and Sharon seconded it. Mary Miller was elected unanimously, 9-0 as Secretary of the 2022-2023 AOA Board.

Treasurer
Jennifer made the motion to close nominations and Wini seconded it. Lynn Edens was elected unanimously, 9-0 as Treasurer of the 2022-2023 AOA Board.

AOA Board Members Duties & Responsibilities:
In the absence of Sheri Visani, Robin covered the Board's duties and responsibilities
Board Code of Conduct & Board Conflict of Interest policies
Each member reviewed the code, signed it and returned it to Robin
E-mail expectations / issues
Board members were reminded that Sheri and Robin are included in the email group.
Communications to Members policy / social media

Board Procedures:
Board meeting agenda items are set by the AOA President, but a call for agenda items will be extended to the Board monthly.
Board meetings occur on the 4th Monday of the month starting at 7:00pm Eastern.

Committee Liaison Appointments
Affiliate Council, Jennifer Hack
Fiber & Fiber Products Committee, Wini Lebrecque
Government & Industry Relations Committee, Michael Livingston
Judge Advisory Committee, Scott Miller
Judge Training and Certification Liaison, Sharon Milligan
Marketing Committee, Mary Miller
Membership Committee, Brian Houchin
Show Rules Committee Liaison, Rhonda Deschner
Youth Committee, Jennifer Hack
Registry Petitions & Appeals Committee, Lynn Edens, Mary Miller and Rhonda Deschner
Grievance Review Committee, Sharon Milligan, Jude Anderson, Dr. Jerilynn Booher, Beth Sheets

2022 – 2023 Board Goals (ref: Strategic Plan)
Answered the following questions, followed by discussion and annual board goals set.
- What did we accomplish this year?
- What improvements to the organization did we make?
- What were our shining moments?
- What didn't go as planned?
- What lessons did we learn this year?
- Opportunities and Threats (External conditions/forces/trends that can impact AOA)

Targets:
- Measurable results around Registry, Membership, Technology, Shows…
- Theme/Focus: What barrier do we need to break? What winning move must pay off this year?

Annual Goals set.

New business:
SGS Fiber Testing Review. Goal of testing is creating high quality American alpaca. Board understands challenges with shipping to NZ. Offer to ship from the AOA office on September 1. Continual search for a state-side lab, but currently, SGS provides the level of quality needed.

Old Business:
Update on TxOLAN Fleece Show final decision
Color Coat Testing is increasingly desired by breeders. Neogen is performing the tests in Canada. We will investigate offering genetic color coat testing to our members, using the same blood sample provided for parentage validation.

Policies & Procedures

Lynn made the motion and Brian seconded to approve updates to Policy 02-*07 Investigating and Discipline, Suspension or Expulsion of a Member.* Approved unanimously, 9-0.

Scott made a motion and Michael seconded it to approve Policy 03-08 *Strategic Reserve Fund*. Approved unanimously, 9-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm Eastern time.