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	Wendy Dittbrenner, Vice President
	Rhonda Deschner, Treasurer	Sharon Milligan, Secretary
	Mike Vigus, Director	Wini Labrecque, Director
	Jeff Williamson, Director	Char Johnson, Director
	Brian Houchin, Director	
Executive Director:	Robin Gifford	
Meeting:	Board Meeting, Monday March 22,2021, 4:00PM Pacific/7:00PM Eastern	

1.0 Meeting Open
Meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Hack at 7:05pm Eastern. Everyone was present. There was a brief discussion about the National Show, the amount of press coverage AOA received and the tremendous support from the Grand Island officials. Many members also acknowledged their pleasure with the show to several staff members. Venders expressed pleasure and success with the show.

2.0 **Audit Report**
Representatives from HBE, Landen Thieman and Niki Stehlik Presented their 2020 Audit of AOA operations. AOA received a "Clean Report." They Confirmed that our PPP Loan had been forgiven and that we did not qualify for any additional PPP assistance. Motions to accept by Mike, second by Wendy, carried 9-0.

3.0 **Consent Agenda**
February Board Minutes, Executive Director's Report, Dashboard, Social Media stats, Committee Reports. Seven candidates for the Board have been put forward and announced by the Election Committee as well as two additional candidates if petition signatures are all verified.
EPD report came out March 1, 2021.
No discussion or action was needed. Motion to accept by Char, second by Brian, carried 9-0.

4.0 **Financial Report**
Overall budgeted income is down slightly and so are expenses. Investments coming back and doing well. Membership is at 101% of budget with 112 first time members, registrations are 82% of budget.

5.0 **Strategic Discussion**

5.1 Fiber committee/ Recommendation for Fiber Standards. Wini indicated that the committee was asking for clarification of exactly what the Board was looking for with this recommendation. The Board discussion involved identifying set numeric fiber micron ranges, standard deviation ranges, and fiber length values that could be directly used with another fiber project of getting the USDA to identify Alpaca Fiber as a commodity. This fiber standard would be specific to the US alpaca herd.

6.0 **Other Business**

6.1 Data Base Clean-up: Board agreed that the data base could be cleared of animals over the age of 25 who have no recent activity attributed to their names. This would follow an email to the listed owner asking them to remove their animal if deceased.

6.2 There will be a spring animal registration deal coming in the near future.

6.3 Conflict of Interest Issues: When working on behalf of AOA during phone calls or meetings working members may not exploit the situation and conduct their own alpaca business. Members must make arrangements to conduct business at a later date and time.

6.4 Coefficient of Inbreeding. Mike suggested/requested that the definition of this term be posted on the website. Robin will ask DR. Enns to prepare this definition and stated value.

7.0 **Adjournment**

8:47pm Eastern time. Motion by Mike, second by Rhonda, carried 9-0

Next meeting April 26, 2021