Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

Board of Directors: Norm Johnson, President; Don Greene, Vice President; Vern Butler, Secretary; Joe Crocco, Treasurer; Steve Hull, Director; Andy Merriwether, Director; Bonnie Potter, Director; Laurel Shouvlin, Director; Mike Vigus, Director

Others Present: De Monson, Dan Huntley

Meeting: Strategic Plan / Special Topics
Conference Call — September 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m. EDT

Meeting Opening: Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. EDT by President, Johnson.

1.0 Strategic Planning Meeting Items:

1.1 Strategic Plan Item 1.2 Development of National Marketing & Education Plan: Greene volunteered to take over this strategic plan item. It was assigned to Vannier who is no longer with the organization.

2.0 Other Special Topics:

2.1 ET Process Changes: De Monson and Dan Huntley reviewed a document that outlined the validation and authorization considerations in the registration process. This process needs to be completed so ET and AI registrations can be processed on January 1, 2017. In addition to the current authorization rules the registration system will need to ask for additional information related to AI and ET. The primary changes to the registration process will involve new time frames due to the nature of the procedures and additional information to be included on the certificate. Shouvlin reported on research of other livestock industries that allow AI and ET. The use of documents to track embryos and collected semen is common practice based on this research. The board discussed the possibility of additional documentation to be used at the time of collection of embryos and semen. Vigus was asked to do some research on those documents in other livestock industries. Vigus volunteered to write a draft of the policy for AI and ET registrations which must be done to accommodate the bylaw change that allows registration of alpacas born from ET or AI.

NOTICE TO AOA MEMBERS: The board feels it is important to communicate to the membership that any breeders participating in AI or ET should check with their state and local authorities regarding regulations that might pertain to these practices.

At 6:41 p.m. EDT, De Monson and Dan Huntley left the meeting.

2.2 Executive Director Search Update: Johnson / Greene / Butler reviewed with the board the current status of the Executive Director search. Posting ads in the local paper generated several good responses. The search committee will schedule phone interviews using the questions provided by the board. After the interviews are complete the search committee will recommend 2 – 3 candidates for board consideration.

2.3 AOA Auction Structure: Johnson reviewed the changes made to the original RFP for the 2017 National Show Auction. The proposed concept is to combine the Gala Dinner Auction and the National Show Auction. The combined auction will include a limited number of superlative alpacas and other items. Suggestions were made to keep the RFP general and to allow the respondents to provide creative proposals. Johnson will work with the staff to modify the existing RFP and distribute it to the board for review before distribution. Shouvlin made a motion that the 2017 National Show Auction be modified to combine the Gala Dinner Auction and the National Show Auction, to include a limited number of superlative alpacas, potentially herdsire breedings and other items that may be either donated or purchased by the association for auction. Greene seconded the motion. Discussion items included the selection process of alpacas for the auction, inclusion of herdsire breedings, and adopting the general concept while working out the details at a later date. The motion passed by unanimous vote (9 – 0).

2.4 Breed Standard: Vigus spoke with representatives from the Suri Network about the status of the suri breed standard. The standard should be presented to the Suri Network membership for a vote in the near future. After the suri breed standard is approved by the Suri Network, AOA Board will consider adopting the same breed standard with the approval of the Suri Network. If the revisions to Suri Breed standard are approved similar language will be included in the draft of the huacaya breed standard.

3.0 Meeting Wrap:

3.1 Action Items: Greene.

3.2 Next Meeting (September 26, 2016—General Business Meeting): Johnson.

2017 Budget will be the primary agenda item.

3.3 Adjournment: 7:57 p.m. EDT, Hull made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (9–0).

Submitted by Vern Butler, Secretary