Board Meeting Minutes

Our Mission

We advance responsible alpaca ownership and breeding through our world-renowned registry, comprehensive education, leadership, and vibrant member community. We build a community, *through member and volunteer support,* where we ensure the long-term sustainability and success of alpaca livestock for current and future generations.

Our Vision

To be the definitive livestock model and global leader advancing all aspects of alpaca ownership—from breeding and health to fleece utilization and business development—while growing a thriving community that champions the alpaca industry's future.

Board of Directors

Jennifer Hack, President
Jason Gill, Treasurer
Gina Glasscock, Director
Sharon Milligan, Director
Mike Walsh, Director
Brian Houchin, Vice-President
Michael Livingston, Secretary
Scott Miller, Director
Jay Penica, Director

Executive Director: Robin Gifford
Guest: Hillary Devin

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2026; 4:00 PM Pacific/7:00 PM Eastern

1.0 Meeting Opening Hack

2.0 Consent Agenda Hack March minutes approval, Executive Director's report, Dashboard,
and committee reports NOT needing action.
Motion to accept Consent, Miller, 2nd Glasscock, all approve

3.0 Financial Report Gill

4.0 Show Points Presentation Devin

Hillary Devin presented as chair of the Show Points Task Force, which **included 8 members** representing both Suri and Huacaya breeders from various farm sizes across the country, along with AOA staff (Robin, Margie, De) and board liaison Scott Miller. Individual recommendations from the task force board approvals:

Change 1: renaming “New Breeder” to “Novice Breeder” with eligibility modifications. Motion to accept Miller, 2nd Glasscock, all approve.
Change 2: Expanding divisions from 3 to 5 with numbers of registered females between 6 mos to 14 years. Motion to accept Penica, 2nd Milligan, all approve.
Change 3: number of alpacas showing in competitions. The board recommends adjusting the 2A division to 2 huacaya.
Change 4: Awards 1st place awarded trophy, 2nd and 3rd plaques, 4-10th certificates.
Change 5: Halter and fleece show numbers and eligibility rules to match.

5.0 Other Business Hack 4.1 Proposed Bylaw Amendment

By-law corrections para 3.1 and 3.3 to go out to member approvals. Motion Glasscock, 2nd Gill, all approve.

Proposed By-Law Amendment regarding Percentage Registry. Motion to send the proposal to membership for December vote to include roundtable discussions and distribute pro/con arguments Gill, 2nd Penica, vote 5 yea - 2 nay

Committee restructuring proposal. Proposal to merge Alternative Products Committee with GIRCOM. Livingston to bring the topic to GIRCOM for discussion.

Texas Tech Research Study. Dr Balch prepared a letter and Survey link for a study on meningeal worm treatments. Motion for sending the survay to the members Miller, 2nd Penica, all approve.

4.2 2026 Annual Board Planning Date Selection

4.3 Breeder IDs.

- How many should a member be able to have? Grassroots is programming and suggests 2-3. Board approval to allow 3 IDs per member with an allowance to gift, sell, or transfer IDs. Motion Penica, 2nd Miller, all approve.

4.5 Membership Call update

5.0 Adjournment Hack Motion Miller

Next regular meeting: May 25, 2026