

Saskatchewan Alpaca Breeders Network Inc.

Annual General Meeting of March 11, 2017

Located at Manitou Spring Hotel, Watrous, SK

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- PRESENT BOD Chairman – Bruce Peters, Kelly Kokoski, Hans Peter Vos  
Glenda Shotter, Carol Poole
- MISSING: Lorrain Bray
- GUESTS: Rachel Vos, Loretta Peters, Lynn Hilderman, Rodney & Gill Weber, Shari Mochinski, Polly Schindle, Lloyd Ottenbreit, Cathy Merkley, Diane Unruh, Heather Morozowski, Jane Wortman, Joyce Nicholson, Lloyd Ottenbreit, Jesse
- CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hans Peter called the meeting to order at 9:34am
- MINUTES: *Lorretta Peters/Cathy Merkley* made a motion that the minutes of February 27, 2016 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
- PRESIDENT REPORT: Bruce asked if there was anyone interested in coming on the board – Hans Peter and Bruce were stepping down. Bruce also thanked the board and membership.
- FINANCIAL REPORT: As of December 31, 2016, there was \$6,790.07 in the bank account.  
*Rodney Weber/Rachel Vos* made a motion that the bank balance as of Dec 31, 2016, is \$6,790.07. CARRIED
- EDUCATION REPORT: Hans Peter reported that nothing much has happened at the board level. But some ideas are: possible the U of S would like to talk at one of our AGM.  
: have some links on website to educational articles regarding alpacas?  
: a link to alpaca culture?  
:is there a time slot at agribition for education for alpacas – Cathy Merkley tried that one year but didn't have any success with agribition, but possible we should try again?
- WEBSITE REPORT: Rachel reported the website is functioning well and Chad is very efficient. Cost of domain is \$120/year and cost for hosting is \$25/year. In 2016 we did 5.5 hours of work @ \$40/hr. Possible changes to website are: add a map, could have feature farm with bio would cost about \$80, and possible a slider?? Rachel needs to living the dream file if anyone has it. Possible look for a cheaper domain provider as some members felt \$120 is a lot.
- NEWSLETTER REPORT: Rachel reported the winter edition has not been sent out yet. As members we should be sharing our SABN newsletter with new breeders.

FIBER COMMITTEE REPORT: Kelly reported that the support for the Watrous Winter Festival was good. \$10 a table and members brought product – Dianne, Bob and Lynn ran the table while we were in meeting. It started at 9am and went to 4pm. Seen license plates from Montana, Manitoba, Minnesota, and Alberta and of course Saskatchewan. Our afternoon workshop was down a bit in numbers 22 to 19. IF you have any ideas for workshops please leave info at the sign in table.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

A)NOMINATIONS

*Polly Schneidle/Cathy Merkley* nominate Kelly Kokoski  
*Cathy Merkley/Polly Schneidle* nominated Rachel Vos  
*Polly Schneidle/Kelly Kokoski* nominated Heather Morozowski  
*Bruce Peters* made a motion for nominations to cease.

CARRIED

B) SIGN

The SABN sign is being stored in Bruce's yard – Jane Wortman has agreed to let us put it up on her land by HWY 16. Jane will get 5 years free SABN membership to have sign on her land. We need volunteers to put up sign.

C) MEMBERSHIP

We did a phoning blitz this year to see if we could get more members. Carol went back to 2014 and made a list of members and then the Board called. The new form will be put up on website with new rates. It was thought that a test email be sent out to make sure everyone is getting emails that are members.

*Polly Schneidle/Rachel Vos* make a motion to inquire about mialchimp.com and if board feels it would help with communication then the board can join it and Polly is available to help set it up.

CARRIED

D) SEA CAN

We have sold the sea can for \$3,500. Rodney, Gill, Loretta and Bruce cleaned it out and the sea can has also been taken off the U of S grounds. The new owner is happy.

E) URBAN CARNIVOR

If anyone has market ready animals to contact The Urban Carnivore. They will pay \$1.40 on the rail, which works out to about \$110/animal. They are located outside of Saskatoon. Kelly asked if there was a demand and Bruce said about 120 animals a year go there. Please contact Bruce if you are interested.

F) DR ADAMS MEMBERSHIP

*Bruce Peters/Polly Schneidle* make a motion that Dr Adams stay on as a lifetime honorary membership.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A) PROJECTS PEOPLE CAN DO WITH FIBRE

We discussed a need for something to use with Grade 6 or higher. Rug Making was discussed and if we could find a rug maker that would be fantastic. Possible a fiber retreat something similar to what we do at Watrous already but maybe in the summer – also there was talk about an evening of fiber art.

B) ALPACA MEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

We discussed butchering alpacas. Right now there are breeders that get \$5/lb. on the rail. About 50% of the alpaca weight is usable meat. There is a very good butcher in Wadena, SK.

There was an idea to maybe contact the Peruvian Association of SK and see if they have people that want alpaca meat.

C) FIBRE COMPETITION AT ALPACA SHOWCASE

We discussed having a fiber completion at the Lloyd show. Rachel Vos, Loretta Peters and Sherrie Mochinski all said they would help out. It was suggested that we have a look at what Manitoba Alpaca Club does and also what Old Fiber week does. We could also use website and put pictures of products from our Fiber competition. Another idea was to have a photo competition.

ADJOURNMENT: *Carol Poole* - That we now adjourn meeting at 11:47am on March 11, 2017.