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| Fiber    **TO DO LIST:**  **Steph:** spend some time w/ LANA’s facebook account  **Sue & Cali**: visit alternate venue for Hobo in March  **Joy:** post the NOK cards on the website and let Sue know  **Sue**: eBlast a link to the LANA website and the NOK cards once posted & email a response to the originator of the request.  Sue: print out NOK cards on fluorescent card stock for future mailing  **Sue**: clear the 2025 membership list w/ Joy and then mail hard copy to 2024 members who have not yet re-upped.  **Margaret**: reach out to Walt Schaff re the cart  **Kathy**: negotiate w/ CalPACA regarding the halters  **Kathy**: send photos to Steph for her part of the Hobo Newsletter  **Joy**: submit your pieces for the Hobo newsletter | LANA Board of Directors Meeting  February 20, 2025  Minutes |
| ***Present:*** Lee Beringsmith, Kathy Nichols, Stephanie Pedroni, Susan Rich, Cali Roberson, and Cathy Spalding  ***Absent***: Margaret Drew, Emily Muirhead, and Joy Pedroni |
| **Call to order and review of the agenda:** Kathy called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.Kathy requested that we add CalPaca Show and discuss possibly donating halters. Stephanie added potential research opportunities as a March agenda item. |
| **Past meeting minutes**  Approval of January 16, 2025 minutes: Cali moved to approve the minutes as written. Stephanie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  Approval of Annual LANA Meeting minutes: Kathy had a few questions regarding the Annual Meeting. Stephanie moved and Cali seconded that the minutes from the Annual Meeting be approved as written. They were approved unanimously.  Reporting on To Do List: Cali: reported that she has not worked on the any artwork for notecards. She also reported that she has reached out to an alternate venue for the Hobo Show. She indicated that the owner is interested in negotiating a price. She and Sue will schedule a time to go look at the facility. There is a huge indoor arena. He does not allow any portable panels to come in. He has horse pens at one end of the arena. |
| **Treasurer’s Report:** *Tabled due to Joy’s absence*  Financial Report:  LANA Website: |
| **Secretary’s Report:** Sue reported the following  **Communication**:   * Emergency Wallet cards (NOK cards) for camelids: Kathy remembers getting NOK cards with LANA membership cards, back in the day. Kathy has put them in the next newsletter. Kathy suggested that anyone joining LANA from here on out could get one in his/her thank you card. Stephanie suggested eBlasting a link out to those on the eBlast list and letting them go to the website to find it. Sue will send one to the woman who made the original request. * 32 Thank you cards for Hobo Show written and sent * 6 Thank you notes for 2025 membership updates   **LANA’s artwork’s original artist**:   * Note sent w gift card and request for limited edition artwork |
| **2025 Membership Drive:**  Memberships to date: 26 Friends of LANA (FOL): 2  Ranch memberships: 22 Club Memberships: 1  Youth Memberships: 3 “Gifted” memberships: 3  The Board reviewed the 2025 list of Members. Stephanie suggested clearing the list with Joy, and then sending paper copy to 2024 members who did not re-up. |
| **Walt Schaff’s cart:** This was discussed at the last meeting. Margaret had indicated that she would reach out. |
| **Hobo Show Debrief:** Stephanie reported that the show was laid back and fun; it had a relaxed feel. There were low numbers of exhibitors and animals. Huge shout out to Cali who did an incredible amount of work while showing. It was a great group effort. Judge Feiner did a great job and was easy to work with. The meeting went well on Saturday night. The tokens were popular and fun at dinner time. Dinner was a little later than we had hoped. The dessert auction: it felt that the ratio of desserts to attendees was almost one to one. Therefore, it was difficult to build a lot of enthusiasm for bidding. We should think about this next year and perhaps bring fewer desserts. Or maybe ask permission of the “baker” to use some of the desserts in other places, like Best of Show awards. The put up and take down went more smoothly and faster than anticipated. Kathy thanked the Board for the extra that they did for Hobo. Sue commended Kathy for her designs and notes, and for bringing the obstacles and village components. | |
| **March 22: UCD Vet Day**   * Update on plans: Stephanie, Cali and Joy have discussed what stations they would like to have set up. There is a possibility that Nick Stone may join to add his perspective on the utility of the animals. The focus will be on approaching, leading, working with llamas. There will be 2 stations around health: shearing and then shots and toenail trimming. Margaret has volunteered to be involved and may have a station regarding fiber. There is work to be done to finalize the plans this next month. Kathy suggesting “how to catch a llama that doesn’t want to be caught.” * Gift bags? Stephanie suggested something simple, like a handout, a thank you card, etc. Nothing as elaborate as a gift bag. Folder w/ LANA sticker on the front? * Pizza? The Board has already taken a vote to pay for pizza. | |
| **Added Agenda Item:** CalPACA Show. April 4 and 5, CalPACA is renting Cal EXPO for an upcoming show. LANA has a box of small show halters given to us by Greg Sykes. They are beautiful, thin, braided halters. They appear to be sized for alpacas. Kathy estimates that there are 200 in the box. Perhaps CalPACA would like to buy them from us to do with what they please. Sue moved that Kathy have permission to approach CalPACA to negotiate the sale or donation of the halters. Lee seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. | |
| **State Fair**  Limbo? (Animal age limit?) Fun games (a la Harvest Fair?) Packing demo?  Kathy has received an email from the State Fair office in order to review the handbook and the schedule. Q 1: Should we limit the number of animals to six top animals for consideration for the Premier Exhibitor? A 1: Yes. Q 2: Limbo? It was very popular, should we do it another night as it was engaging with the public? A 2: yes. Should we specify an age requirement to avoid having young animals for whom the limbo is no challenge? Should we establish wither height groupings? TBD Q 3: fun games at State Fair? There was some discussion about what was offered at the Santa Rosa show. There was also discussion about a possible packing demo, but it was determined that this would be better suited for another time and place. | |
| **LANA’s “Vision” – How best to serve the camelid community** *Tabled* | |
| **Kids & Camelids: Sat., April 12**  *Tabled* | |
| **Newsletter:**   * GALA’s request to advertise: This organization would like to run an ad in our newsletters for their educational event. Kathy would like to offer this as a professional courtesy and not charge them. The Board was supportive of this. * Kathy requested the final pieces for the Hobo newsletter. Kathy will send photos to Steph to assist with her piece, and Kathy needs Joy’s report as well. * Kathy indicated that all she needs for the spring newsletter is a piece from Elaine Partlow. | |
| **LANA BOD Parking Lot** *Tabled*   * Help to other Llama/Alpaca 4H Projects * Continued discussion re LANA merchandise | |
| **Request for agenda items for next meeting**   * Potential research – Stephanie * UC Davis Vet Day Update * Kids & Camelids Planning * Update on possible new venue for Hobo | |
| **Date for next conference call meeting at 6:30 PM**:  Next meeting: March 20, 2025  Remainder of 2025 meetings: April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug 21, Sept 18, Oct. 16, Nov 20, Dec 18 | |
| **Adjournment:** President Kathy adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM. | |