

Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies

Quarterly Membership Meeting

February 7, 2009

Embassy Suites

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Called to order at 9:40

Welcome and Thank You to 2008 BOD Carl McGill
Carl thanked the 2007 BOD and the continuing BOD members.

New President Welcome Kim Sawyer
Introduced current BOD.

Introduction of new Members/Guests Ron Hinds
Current membership is 240 Farm 12 Bus and 9 assoc. Several guests were introduced.

ABR Direction 2009/2010 Kim Sawyer
Shared new direction by reading vision and purpose of ABR.
Members present viewed a slide show about what ABR's direction for the next two years.

New Meeting Format

Stepping up to a task K.Lea Ginnodo

Round Table Discussions Membership

NWSS and GWAS Becky Zierer
Currently there are 500 stalls sold for GWAS. There are a total of 750 stalls available for sale. Alpaca ranches from 16 states have reserved stalls.

Carl and Freda McGill demonstrated the new online registration for GWAS. Upon logging in a farm can register for halter, fleece, spinoff, fiber arts and photography shows. Dinner reservations for the Saturday night can be made as well.

Member forum for bulletins Kim Sawyer
(Events not sales – please submit your events to Kim Sawyer)

before the meeting)

Round Table Discussion

This is a new format for 2009. After a brief welcome at each meeting we'll move into Round Table discussions for the members to provide input and help guide and ABR to our future goals. Each meeting will be dedicated to a certain topic for members to discuss, chart ideas, develop plans, projects, etc.

The intended result is to start putting some of your great ideas into actions, giving our members time to discuss these topics and develop working plans that can be built upon and put into action.

Readouts from each Round Table discussion will be sent out to the membership shortly after each meeting. Committees and project teams can take the action items from the Round Table to develop and work to completion.

The first topic for 2009 will be:

Fiber – Driving to a Solution

- Provide leadership in Industry & Regional Directions
- Explore Fiber Markets to find new uses and products of alpaca fiber
- Provide increased Fiber Education
- Provide Fiber Marketing leadership, information and tools
- Provide information, tools & opportunities for accessible Fiber Processing and Production
- Fiber Herds – marketing, tracking

EPDs and How They Work (starts at 1:00PM)

Presented by Mark Enns

Associate Professor of Animal Sciences at Colorado State University

The following excerpt is from CSU Bio on Mark Enns

While pursuing his graduate studies at Colorado State University, Mark spent a summer developing selection indexes with Dr. Mike MacNeil at the USDA Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Laboratory in Miles City, Montana. He also worked as a research associate for the CSU Beef Improvement Center near Encampment, Wyoming. In this position, he developed breeding plans, supervised data collection, coordinated bull sale information, and maintained the 50+ year old database for the 450 head, purebred Angus herd.

After graduation, Mark worked for 2 years as a visiting research scientist with Landcorp Farming, Ltd in New Zealand. There he developed genetic evaluation systems and breeding programs for the company's deer, sheep, goat and beef

enterprises.

Mark he returned to Colorado State University in 2001 to join the faculty of the Department of Animal Sciences. Mark oversees the operations of the CSU Center for Genetic Evaluation. He also teaches Principles of Animal Breeding (AN 330), Selection Index Theory (AN 631); co-teaches Livestock Production Systems (A 634) as part of the graduate program in Western Center for Integrated Resource Management; and guest lectures in several other courses.

Mark's research focuses on methods to genetically evaluate and select animals that fit their production environment both biologically and economically. These efforts include development of new methods for evaluating and improving cow and heifer fertility, cow maintenance requirements, time to finish in the feedlot; and development of methods to better use economic information in selection decisions for increased profitability of beef production.