

The Llama Futurities Association Board of Directors Meeting February 23, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm (CST) by Barb Parsons.

Barb Parsons, Jenni Olson, Tor Sorensen, Ray Kratville and Nick Hauptly were all present.

Barb Parsons made a motion to accept the minutes as printed.
Motion carried unanimously.

Ray Kratville gave a report on the LFA finances and estimates \$62,000 in the bank. Ray is in the process of resolving some inconsistencies in QuickBooks and will give a more detailed report to the board via e-mail. Ray will also be contacting our bank and investigating the option of transferring funds somewhere more easily accessible.

The board unanimously agreed to hire Ken Labendeira to complete the LFA's 2013 taxes. Nick Hauptly will obtain Ken Labendeira's contact information and put Ray in touch.

In a combined effort to promote an inclusive industry and also increase awareness of the LFA Facebook account, Nick Hauptly and Jenni Olson will begin posting positive llama related events across the country in addition to our own show and sale.

Nick Hauptly will create an e-blast to send out Barb's President's Message and also push for membership.

Barb Parsons reported on her discussion with Terry Duespohl, ILR-SD Gathering of Friends and Champions superintendent. Together they established a schedule outline for our joined 2014 event and the LFA Board of Directors unanimously approved.

The \$1,000 Claims Futurity was brought up for discussion and it was agreed to continue to be offered again in 2014. This unique sale provides an opportunity for members to market their sale animals and also compete at the chance to win the class jackpot prize money. The males claims classes will be broken into 2 age groups as in the past. The board discussed including a 'Gelding Claims' futurity class again in 2014. After deliberating the pros and cons, the board came to the conclusion that due to lack of participation from both buyers and sellers in 2013, a Gelding Claims isn't strong enough to be supported at our current venue. Nick Hauptly will investigate using the leftover ribbons from the Fall Harvest Llama Show and report back to the board.

Jenni Olson and Tor Sorensen reported on the annual LFA sale. Both agreed that they would like to shoot for an all-female sale of 30-35 lots. All females will start with an opening bid of \$500 and all sales/buy backs will be charged a 10% commission. Jenni Olson will contact Able Publishing for more information on catalog pricing and deadline dates. A consignor's meeting, for both the sale and Claims Male Futurity, will be held on Saturday over lunch and will be led by Tor Sorensen. The board unanimously approved.

Barb informed the board that the ILR-SD will be hosting an Awards Dinner on Saturday night after the sale. Tor Sorensen volunteered to investigate the costs and options of local catering companies to provide heavy appetizers for a cocktail social on Friday Night. Barb Parsons agreed to help Tor in this search.

Barb Parsons presented the list of potential 2014 LFA World Futurity judges suggested by the board prior to the meeting via email. 6 names were chosen as possible candidates and Tor Sorensen will begin contacting these individuals with contracts.

Venesa Carter was unanimously accepted as the 6th board member to join the LFA in order to fulfill the requirements set forth in our bylaws. We are excited to have Vanesa back on the LFA board and look forward to the positive contribution she will bring the organization.

Barb Parsons read and reviewed a checklist of responsibilities for the 2014 event. Barb will email a copy of this completed list after the meeting.

Our next meeting was scheduled for March 16th, 2014 at 7pm (CST).

Jenni Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ray Kratville. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm (CST).

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Hauptly